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Southwest didn't heed warnings, unions say

Airline crippled by storm has a history of sticking with outdated technology

BY IAN DUNCAN AND JUSTIN GEORGE

Southwest Airlines' pilot and flight attendant unions warned for years that the company's rickety computer systems left the airline vulnerable. The carrier stuck with outdated technology and never heeded those warnings, they say.

Southwest's overwhelmed technology — a scenario fueled by a punishing winter storm — left it this week facing some of the most difficult days in its half-century history, in some cases forcing managers to solve problems with pen and paper while crew members wait on hold for hours with schedulers.

The wave of cancellations continued to frustrate tens of thousands of travelers, as Southwest scrubbed roughly 2,500 flights on both Wednesday and Thursday while trying to recover from a meltdown that left it under growing scrutiny from lawmakers and federal regulators. The storm struck much of the country, but the speedy recovery of other airlines left Southwest the focus of anger as air passengers tried to return home from holiday travel.

Southwest's competitors have capped fares on routes the airline flies, an effort to limit costs for travelers seeking alternate flights

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He fled from war in Congo and froze on a Buffalo street

BY EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX

Abdul Sharifu survived the war in Congo that left both his parents dead and spent over a decade in an overcrowded refugee camp before he reached the United States seeking safety.

He found a home in Buffalo, a Rust Belt city that in recent years has welcomed refugees, many from war-shattered countries. He met his wife within the growing Congolese community and was excitedly awaiting the birth of his first child when the blizzard approached.

Then, he disappeared.

The 26-year-old was found hours later on a sidewalk. Sharifu had gotten stuck in the snow after leaving home to buy milk and food for his wife and children who live in his housing complex, his best friend and cousin said.

He was declared dead after being taken to a hospital.

"I can't believe he left me," Ally Sharifu, 28, said, his voice breaking with emotion.

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Posts on social media platforms offer a glimpse at the scale of infections that runs contrary to the government's assessment

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A sharp focus on China's coronavirus outbreak

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD, SAMUEL OAKFORD, STEFANIE LE AND VIC CHIANG

Covid-19 patients lie on beds at Tianjin Nankai Hospital. Though the scope of the outbreak is unclear, social media posts show overwhelmed health-care facilities in major cities.

Emergency departments in China are overflowing, with patients sleeping in hallways until they can be evaluated or taken to a hospital room. In at least one hospital, half of doctors and nurses were absent because they had tested positive for covid.

These and other alarming scenes in the country's medical facilities have been captured in videos and photographs posted to social media during the past two weeks. They offer a glimpse of the toll a huge coronavirus wave is wreaking — and undercut Beijing's claim that the government is in control.

The full extent of the outbreak is unclear. The government's sudden easing of coronavirus restrictions in early December came as infections were already surging. Officials soon stopped reporting asymptomatic cases, leaving the public to rely on social media to understand what was happening.

To better assess the impact of the current wave — which projections suggest could claim more than 1 million lives in 2023 — The Washington Post tracked hundreds of posts on popular Chinese platforms, including Weibo and Douyin, and reviewed material that was reposted on Twitter and other sites. The Post's preliminary analysis found evidence of overwhelmed health-care facilities in major cities, particularly along the country's heavily populated east coast.

Given China's strict censorship, the content is only a snapshot of what's happening nationwide. But it shows that many communities are struggling to cope with the massive number of patients infected with covid.

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WATCHDOGS GUARD $5 TRILLION IN AID

Despite increasing fraud cases, funding is short

BY TONY ROMM AND YEGANEH TORBATI

Michael Horowitz came to Congress with a plea: If the U.S. government truly hoped to keep track of roughly $5 trillion in coronavirus aid, then federal watchdog agencies would need some new money of their own.

It was June 2022, more than two years after the pandemic first arrived in the United States — and Horowitz, the leader of the country's chief pandemic oversight body, said some of the government's top officials could use the help. Criminals already had bilked billions of dollars from generous programs meant to help jobless Americans and small businesses in need, and Washington faced long, costly work to try to get it all back.

"I can tell you the fraud numbers, and the investigative work, is growing," Horowitz told lawmakers at a congressional oversight hearing, acknowledging at one point it had been "frustrating, frankly," that lawmakers had not provided the funds.

Six months later, the government remains overwhelmed in its task to find and retrieve incalculable sums of stolen federal coronavirus aid. Even as the Biden administration has intensified Washington's focus on oversight, Congress has continued to underfund and understaff some of the very offices whose chief responsibility is to monitor stimulus cash.

The persistent neglect has hamstrung the country's last defense against waste, fraud and abuse — and raised the potential that Washington might not learn from its mistakes before the next crisis.

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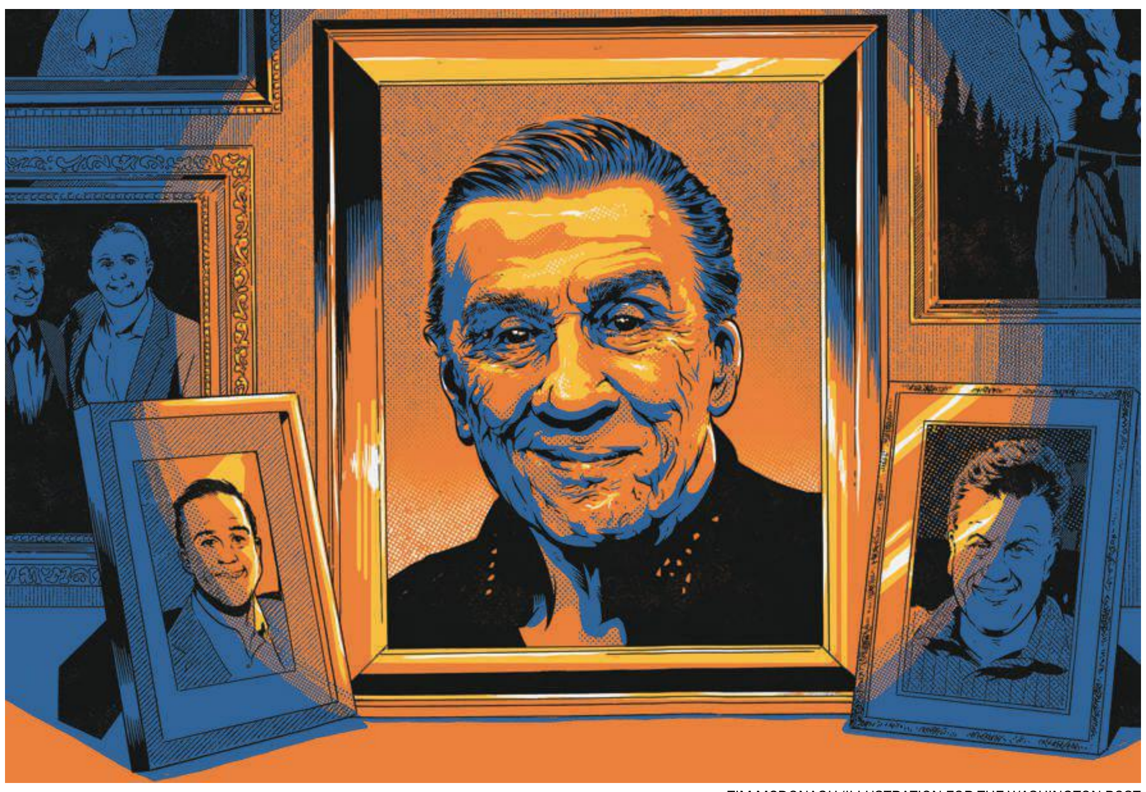

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The undoing of America's prime bodybuilding leagues

BY DESMOND BUTLER AND JOHN SULLIVAN

Over more than four decades, the man who built the world's premier amateur bodybuilding federation subverted the group's nonprofit mission by establishing a parallel for-profit company that took over the sport for the benefit of himself and his family, a Washington Post investigation has found.

Many of those who worked alongside Jim Manion have turned against him and accused him of fostering an atmosphere of intimidation and compromising the sport with conflicts of interest and self-dealing. Manion went from an elected president of a small nonprofit to the leader of a company that now dominates a multimillion-dollar industry. He has turned the organization into a family dynasty, appointing his grandson, Tyler Manion, as vice president. Tyler's father, J.M. Manion, was paid nearly $900,000 over three years by the charity for photography services.

The Post's reporting is based on interviews with more than 80 people inside the sport, along with lawsuits, emails, tax forms, audits and internal documents dating back to 1978. Among current and former officials and promoters, 15 spoke on the record in hopes, they said, of breaking Manion's hold on the sport. They include one former top

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Thousands criticize servicer of federal student loans

Public servants on PSLF plan report long delays, incorrect payment counts

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL

The Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, a quasi-state entity that manages student loans and grants for the Education Department, is facing a backlash from borrowers and lawmakers over its handling of a debt forgiveness program for public servants.

Thousands of borrowers have lodged complaints with the Education Department against the student loan servicer, commonly known as MOHELA, in the past three months, according to two people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. They did not provide details of the complaints. During the same period, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau also received more than 500 complaints about the company's loan servicing, with borrowers reporting incorrect payment counts and trouble getting a hold of customer service. By comparison, the CFPB received seven complaints against MOHELA in the final quarter of 2021.

MOHELA services the federal student loans of more than 7 million people, a number of whom are working toward public service loan forgiveness.

MOHELA did not immediately respond to requests for comment, but it has previously said it was inundated with applications and was trying to resolve lag times. The Education Department declined to discuss the complaints but said it is monitoring the situation and working with MOHELA to add more staff.

The spike in complaints against the loan servicer corresponds with the wind-down of a limited expansion of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, which MOHELA manages. In October 2021, the Biden administration kicked off a one-year waiver that allowed social workers, teachers and other public servants to retroactively receive credit toward debt cancellation regardless of their type of federal loan or payment plan.

Congressional Democrats have fought to fix the long-troubled forgiveness program, which cancels the outstanding balance of public servants after 10 years of service and 120 on-time student loan payments. Lawmakers and participants have derided the program, created in 2007, as exceedingly complex and poorly run. Those criticisms have heightened scrutiny of the waiver.

While the Education Department said some 360,000 people have benefited from the reprieve, the hundreds of thousands still awaiting help are drawing attention on Capitol Hill.

At a Senate Banking Committee hearing earlier this month, Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) urged CFPB Director Rohit Chopra to investigate MOHELA as his constituents complain about poor customer service.

"Complaints range from telephone wait times of up to four hours, six-month or longer processing delays for PSLF applications and employee certification forms," Menendez said. "I cannot overstate the negative economic impacts caused by MOHELA's abysmal servicing for public service employees."

While Chopra declined to comment on the bureau's supervision of the student loan servicer, he told Menendez that the CFPB is well aware of the litany of grievances over MOHELA's handling of the forgiveness program.

"Any servicer that is supposed to administer the student loan benefits that are afforded under the law and embedded in the contract must adhere to that," Chopra testified. "We will not hesitate where we find law violations to [take action]."

Until recently, MOHELA avoided the ire of liberal lawmakers and advocates who have been critical of the student loan servicing industry. The company was not subject to investigations and lawsuits that thrust larger student loan companies such as Navient and FedLoan Servicing into an uncomfortable spotlight.

MOHELA raised its profile by becoming the sole servicer for PSLF in July after FedLoan, an arm of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, cut ties with the Education Department.

Months later, MOHELA also found itself in the middle of a lawsuit brought by six Republican-led states challenging President Biden's plan to cancel up to $20,000 in federal student loans. While MOHELA is not a party to the lawsuit, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt (R) said the company would lose revenue that it uses to fund state scholarships.

MOHELA has spent years burnishing its reputation as a thorough student loan servicer. But some borrowers say they were stunned after receiving notices this fall saying they had few payments that qualified for the forgiveness program.

After more than a decade of teaching, Brianna Gable, 34, was certain she had satisfied the criteria for the program. Her loans were made directly by the federal government and paid back through an income-driven plan — requirements that along with her on-time payments should have created a clear path to debt relief.

Yet in a notice from MOHELA in October, the servicer said she had only 14 qualifying payments.

"I panicked," said Gable, who teaches fourth grade in Colorado. "I was like, there's no way that's right. I was in my 11th year of teaching for public schools. I thought that they were trying to screw me over."

Months before that notice, Gable had applied and was approved for loan forgiveness by MOHELA's predecessor FedLoan, which told her the final payment count would be left in MOHELA's hands. She said she figured something got lost in the transition.

When Gable called her servicer, she said it took about 30 minutes to get someone on the line. She said the representative assured her that MOHELA was still processing payments and that the account might not reflect accurate information.

"If that's the case, why send me a letter telling me my application has been denied?" Gable asked. "It just seemed like nobody really knew what was going on or when it would be fixed. I checked a few weeks later, and nothing had changed."

As previously reported by The Washington Post, MOHELA said applications under the PSLF waiver far exceeded expectations, with more than 2 million forms submitted to the company between July and November. The influx of submissions was coupled with a surge in related mail, email and faxes, the servicer said this past month.

At the time, MOHELA said it was also contending with delays in receiving files from the Education Department and other servicers that are needed to update payment counts and complete loan discharges.

The company said interest in Biden's student loan forgiveness program and the waiver resulted in a surge in calls and average wait times of two hours that had since decreased. MOHELA said it was staffing up, adding almost 100 employees per week back in November. It was also offering overtime hours, work-schedule adjustments and extra pay for employment referrals to reduce wait times.

Some borrowers who spoke with The Post about erroneous payment counts say they are still awaiting updates. But others have received good news.

This week, Gable checked her account again and discovered it had been updated to show 131 eligible payments. She still has to submit W2 forms to verify previous employment in Arizona and Colorado Springs, but after that, Gable will be free of $30,000 in student debt.

"This could have been handled better," Gable said. "I wish [MOHELA] would have just said we are still processing payments at this time. Check back at a later date. Why cause this confusion?"

Architect of plot to kidnap Mich. governor is sentenced

'Ideas guy' in failed plan given nearly 20-year term, longest of group

BY KIM BELLWARE

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Fourteen people were arrested by state and federal authorities in a plot by a members of an armed right-wing group to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), above left, before the 2020 election.

A man who was convicted as one of the key orchestrators in the 2020 scheme to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and blow up a bridge in hopes of inciting a civil war was sentenced Wednesday to 19½ years in prison, the longest sentence of the four men convicted on federal charges in the most closely watched domestic terrorism case in recent years.

Barry Croft Jr., 47, of Delaware was described by prosecutors in a federal courtroom in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Wednesday as the "spiritual leader" and "the ideas guy" of the plot, which was ultimately undone after a sting that involved informants and undercover FBI agents who embedded with the group of men drawn together by their association with the armed right-wing "Wolverine Watchmen" group.

Croft and his co-conspirator, 39-year-old Adam Fox of Michigan, were convicted by a federal jury after a second trial in August on two counts of conspiracy, while Croft also was found guilty of an additional weapons charge. Prosecutors depicted the two men as furious over covid-19 lockdowns and supposed "tyranny" by elected officials, and said they poured their anger into a violent plot they were eager to see grow into a bloody "revolution."

The case has underscored the escalating threat of extremist violence, particularly from the far right, at a point of deep political division in the country. Federal prosecutors said the seriousness of the plot made a life sentence for the defendants appropriate. Croft's defense argued that he was less involved than Fox and not viewed as a real leader among the group's members.

Fox was sentenced Tuesday to 16 years in prison, while two other defendants pleaded guilty in 2021 and early 2022 and agreed to testify against Croft and Fox. Another two defendants were acquitted at their federal trial in April.

Fourteen people were eventually arrested by state and federal authorities in an October 2020 sting after investigators found the men had gathered weapons, trained and planned to kidnap Whitmer (D) from her vacation home in northern Michigan and detonate a bridge to disrupt her security detail and the law enforcement response ahead of the 2020 election.

At Wednesday's hearing, Croft's defense attorney Joshua Blanchard acknowledged the effect of the case on Whitmer, the public and elected officials, but said Croft's role did not warrant a life sentence. He described his client as an isolated truck driver who lived in an echo chamber and descended down a "conspiracy rabbit hole."

"The government has painted a picture, perhaps fairly, of Mr. Croft as a radical in the time leading up to the summer of 2020. He's said some horrible, awful things. But I can tell the court a sober Mr. Croft finds those things difficult to listen to," Blanchard said.

Nils Kessler, a federal prosecutor, argued that even more than his co-defendant, Croft embraced a "poisonous" ideology for which he still hasn't shown remorse, highlighted by the fact that Croft has continued to give interviews from prison, and in one on Tuesday night called the government "illegitimate."

"He could at least admit the ideas are wrong, but he's not because he still holds them," Kessler said.

In explaining why he would not hand down a life sentence, U.S. District Judge Robert J. Jonker said no one was ultimately injured and no infrastructure was destroyed.

"The end of the conspiracy was never realized, thank goodness. And it was never going to be realized because law enforcement was never going to let it get that far," Jonker said, in reference to the embedded agents.

But the judge also noted that Croft "was in a different tranche" than his co-defendants and was involved for a longer time in anti-government activities.

"I'm not persuaded that what we've seen is meaningful change yet from Mr. Croft," Jonker said.

In court Wednesday, Croft declined to speak, on the advice of his lawyers.

While Croft's sentencing wrapped up the federal prosecutions of six defendants, several more alleged collaborators still face state trials. In October, three men were convicted in Jackson County Circuit Court of breaking Michigan anti-terrorism laws enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Pete Musico, 45; Joseph Morrison, 28; and Paul Bellar, 24, were sentenced to minimums of 12 years, 10 years and seven years in prison, respectively, for aiding in the plan.

Five more men are awaiting trial on state charges in Antrim County, the northern Michigan area where Whitmer has a vacation home.

Ahead of wider ban, House nixes TikTok on official devices

BY MERYL KORNFIELD AND CAMILA DECHALUS

TikTok has been banned from all U.S. House of Representatives-managed devices, according to the House's administrative arm, ahead of a new government-wide ban of the popular Chinese-owned video app that will soon take effect.

The House's chief administrative officer cited "high risk" security concerns in a memo that ordered lawmakers and staffers on Tuesday to delete the app from government devices, according to a copy of the memo obtained by The Washington Post.

Under the $1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill passed by the House on Friday, all employees of the federal government will be barred from installing or must delete TikTok, which is owned by the Beijing-based tech giant ByteDance, in the latest government measure to limit the app's use in the public sector. Several Republican governors have banned the app on their governments' electronic devices.

Reuters was first to report news of the ban.

A separate bipartisan bill that was introduced in Congress on Dec. 13 would ban the app for everyone in the United States.

The barring of TikTok from government mobile devices — which will barely scratch the surface of TikTok's global reach of more than 1 billion users — comes after the app was banned from official devices at the White House, in most branches of the military and in several federal agencies, including the Homeland Security and State departments.

But people who work for the government still can use TikTok on their personal devices — as the social media app widely popularized during the coronavirus pandemic has reshaped culture, altered how the digital world operates and birthed a new language.

There are more than 100 million TikTok users in the United States, roughly a third of the country's residents.

The political crackdown on TikTok arises from concerns that the app could be used by Beijing to spy on or influence Americans.

Skepticism toward China pushed by Republicans has gained bipartisan traction after news about TikTok's security practices.

On Thursday, TikTok fired four employees after an internal investigation found that the workers had tracked two American journalists and their associates to see if they had been in contact with ByteDance employees.

TikTok previously called the imminent government-wide ban a "political gesture that will do nothing to advance national security interests."

"We're disappointed that Congress has moved to ban TikTok on government devices . . . rather than encouraging the administration to conclude its national security review," TikTok spokeswoman Brooke Oberwetter previously told The Post. The company is implementing a data-security plan and is briefing lawmakers on its proposal, Oberwetter said.

The ban will take effect once President Biden signs the legislation.

This month, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre declined to comment on a federal ban on TikTok, citing an ongoing review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, a secretive committee that oversees foreign companies that has been in negotiations with TikTok since 2019.

"Generally speaking, the Biden administration is focused on the challenge of certain countries, including China, seeking to leverage digital technologies and America's data in ways that present unacceptable national security risk," Jean-Pierre said.

The Post previously reported that TikTok had agreed with the committee to sever decision-making over its U.S. operations from its Chinese headquarters. The company will give U.S. authorities the power to veto appointments for the company's three-member board and top executives and set hiring standards, according to four people with knowledge of the discussions who spoke to The Post on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the conversations.

The tentative framework, the four people said, would prevent U.S. user data from being accessed by Chinese government officials or ByteDance employees in Beijing.

Third-party monitors approved by the U.S. government would audit the platform's recommendation algorithms and content-moderation systems to help prevent any foreign influence in the videos people see, the people said. The committee has yet to approve that plan.

"This is a comprehensive package of measures with layers of government and independent oversight to address concerns about TikTok content recommendation and access to U.S. user data — measures well beyond what any peer company is doing today," Oberwetter told The Post.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

As AI ups its writing game, teachers work to prevent cheating

ChatbotGPT offers look at future where cribbing may be undetectable

BY LAURA MECKLER AND PRANSHU VERMA

Teachers and professors across the education system are in a near-panic as they confront a revolution in artificial intelligence that could allow for cheating on a grand scale.

The source is ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence bot released a few weeks ago that allows users to ask questions and, moments later, receive well-written answers that are eerily human.

Almost immediately, educators began experimenting with the tool. While the bot's answers to academic questions weren't perfect, they were awfully close to what teachers would expect from many of their students. How long, educators wonder, will it be before students begin using the site to write essays or computer code for them?

Mara Corey, an English teacher at Irondale Senior High School in New Brighton, Minn., said she discussed the matter with her students almost immediately so they could understand how using the tool could impede their learning.

"Some of them were shocked that I knew about it," she said. She didn't worry that the conversation might plant bad ideas in their heads. "Hoping that teenagers don't notice the new flashy thing that will save them time is a fool's errand."

Within days of its launching, more than a million people had tried ChatGPT. Some asked innocent questions, such as how to explain to a 6-year-old that Santa Claus isn't real. Other queries demanded complex responses, such as finishing a piece of tricky software code.

For some students, the temptation is obvious and enormous. One senior at a Midwestern school, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of expulsion, said he had already used the text generator twice to cheat on his schoolwork. He got the idea after seeing people expound on Twitter about how powerful the word generator is after it was released on Nov. 30.

He was staring at an at-home computer-science quiz that asked him to define certain terms. He put them into the ChatGPT box and, almost immediately, the definitions came back. He wrote them by hand onto his quiz paper and submitted the assignment.

Later that day, he used the generator to help him write a piece of code for a homework question for the same class. He was stumped, but ChatGPT wasn't. It popped out a string of text that worked perfectly, he said. After that, the student said, he was hooked, and plans to use ChatGPT to cheat on exams instead of Chegg, a homework help website he's used in the past.

He said he's not worried about getting caught because he doesn't think the professor can tell his answers are computer-generated. He added that he has no regrets.

"It's kind of on the professor to make better questions," he said. "Use it to your own benefit. … Just don't get through an entire course on this thing."

The tool was created by OpenAI, an artificial intelligence laboratory launched several years ago with funding from Elon Musk and others. The bot is powered by a "large language model," AI software that is trained to predict the next word in a sentence by analyzing massive amounts of internet text and finding patterns by trial and error. ChatGPT was also refined by humans to make its answers more conversational, and many have noted its ability to produce paragraphs that are often humorous or even philosophical.

Still, some of its responses have been blatantly wrong or bigoted, such as when a user got it to write a rap lyric that said: "If you see a woman in a lab coat, she's probably just there to clean the floor." Creators acknowledge that ChatGPT isn't perfect and can give misleading answers.

Educators assume that with time the tool will improve and knowledge of it among students will grow. Some say teachers will adjust their assessments to take the possibility of cheating into account. For instance, they'll require students to write papers by hand or during class, when they can be monitored. Others are contemplating how to write questions that require deeper thinking, which is more challenging for the bot.

The stakes are high. Many teachers agree that learning to write can take place only as students grapple with ideas and put them into sentences. Students start out not knowing what they want to say, and as they write, they figure it out. "The process of writing transforms our knowledge," said Joshua Wilson, an associate professor in the School of Education at the University of Delaware. "That will completely get lost if all you're doing is jumping to the end product."

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People walk in front of a screen at the World Internet Conference in Wuzhen, China, in October 2019. ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence bot released a few weeks ago, allows users to ask questions and, moments later, receive well-written answers that are eerily human.

Wilson added that while universities are buzzing about this, many secondary teachers remain blissfully unaware.

"The average K-12 teacher — they're just trying to get their [semester-end] grades in," he said. "It's definitely a wave that's going to hit."

Department chairs at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut have already discussed how to handle the artificial intelligence, and faculty members know they must find ways to contend with it, said David K. Thomson, an associate professor of history at the school.

Thomson said he realized by experimenting with the site that it does pretty well with the sort of questions that appear on many take-home tests, such as one asking the student to compare the development of the northern and southern American colonies before the Revolution in economic and other terms. "It wasn't perfect," he said. "Nor are college students perfect."

But when he asked it a more sophisticated question, such as how Frederick Douglass made his argument against the institution of slavery, the response was far less cogent. Professors, he said, will have to give assessments that judge analytical reasoning and not just facts that can be looked up.

At the same time, others see possible upsides. The technology is an opportunity for teachers to think more deeply about the assignments they give — and talk to students about why it's important to create their own work — said Joshua Eyler, an assistant professor at the University of Mississippi who directs the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, who pointed derisively to a "moral panic."

"This is kind of the calculator moment for the teaching of writing," Eyler said. "Just as calculators changed the way we teach math, this is a similar moment for teaching of writing."

"Predictably, what we've seen is a kind of moral panic. There's a great fear that students are going to use these tools to cheat."

Michael Feldstein, an educational consultant and publisher of the blog e-Literate, said that along with panic, there's curiosity among educators. He said some professors in trade-oriented fields see AI-generated writing as possibly a useful tool. A marketing student might use it to write marketing copy in school, he said, and also in a future job. If it works, he asked, what's wrong with that?

"They don't care if students will be the next Hemingway. If the goal is communication, it's just another tool," Feldstein said. The most important thing, he said, is that the tool be used as part of learning, not in place of learning.

As educators consider how to live with the technology, some companies are thinking about ways to defeat it.

Turnitin, a company that has created widely used software to detect plagiarism, is now looking at how it might detect AI-generated material.

The automated essays differ from student-written work in many ways, company officials say. Students write with their own voice, which is absent from ChatGPT content. AI-written essays sound like the average person, but any given student is not spot-on average, so the essays won't sound like them, said Eric Wang, vice president for AI at Turnitin.

"They tend to be probabilistically vanilla," he said.

But detecting cheaters who use the technology will be difficult.

Sasha Luccioni, a research scientist at the open-source AI start-up Hugging Face, said OpenAI should allow the public to browse ChatGPT's code, because only then can scientists build truly robust tools to catch cheaters.

"You're working with a black box," she said. "Unless you really have [access to] these layers and how they're connected, it's really hard to create a meaningful [cheating detection] tool."

Hugging Face hosts a detection tool for a previous chatbot model, called GPT-2, and said it could potentially help teachers detect ChatGPT text, but would probably be less accurate for newer models.

Scott Aaronson, a guest researcher at OpenAI, said the company is exploring different ways to battle misuse, including the use of watermarks and models that differentiate between bot-generated and real-world text. Some have questioned whether the watermark approach is enough.

"We're still running experiments to determine the best approach or combination of approaches," Aaronson said in an email.

ChatGPT had its own ideas about the solution. Asked how to confront the possibility of cheating, the bot offered several suggestions: educate students about the consequences of cheating, proctor exams, make questions more sophisticated, give students support they need so they don't see the need to cheat.

"Ultimately, it is important to communicate clearly with students about your expectations for academic integrity and to take steps to prevent cheating," the bot explained. "This can help to create a culture of honesty and integrity in your classroom."

DIGEST

NEW YORK

County attorney opens investigation of Santos

The Nassau County district attorney announced that she is opening an investigation into Rep.-elect George Santos (R-N.Y.), whose surprise victory in November was quickly followed by revelations that he lied about his business experience, educational background and family ancestry.

The district attorney, Anne T. Donnelly (R), said in a statement: "The numerous fabrications and inconsistencies associated" with Santos "are nothing short of stunning." The residents in the congressional district "must have an honest and accountable representative in Congress" and "if a crime was committed in this county, we will prosecute it." Donnelly's spokesman, Brendan Brosh, said in a statement, "We are looking into the matter."

Days after an explosive New York Times story on Dec. 19 detailed lies Santos told about his background, Santos gave a handful of interviews in which he acknowledged he was untruthful about having worked at Goldman Sachs and Citigroup and graduating college. He said he never claimed to be Jewish, despite previous public comments about his heritage.

Also unclear is the exact source of the $700,000 Santos claimed to have loaned his campaign in 2022, just two years after filing a financial disclosure report during an unsuccessful 2020 congressional run that stated he had no major assets or earned income.

Santos and his representatives did not respond to a request for comment.

News of the investigation came as another detail in Santos's biography unraveled Wednesday.

During his 2020 congressional race, he told a dramatic story on a podcast about how a prestigious private school in the Bronx he attended refused to help his financially struggling family months before his graduation. The October 2020 interview resurfaced on social media Wednesday.

But a spokesman for the Horace Mann School told The Post that it has no record of Santos attending the institution.

After contacting the school and providing it with several variations of Santos's name which he has used in public, Ed Adler, a spokesman for Horace Mann, wrote in an email, "George Santos or any of the aliases you [cite] never attended HM."

In November, Santos won an open congressional seat on Long Island held by a Democrat.

— Azi Paybarah

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Anne Sornum from Denmark tears and trashes a sign that reads, "I want to say Good Riddance to: My 2022 two tumors — that ended well." Sornum was taking part in the 16th annual Good Riddance Day event in New York's Times Square. "I am always doing this when I am here," said Sornum about the event — where participants go through an obstacle course to bid goodbye to any bad memories.

CALIFORNIA

Pelosi attack suspect enters not-guilty plea

The man who allegedly broke into U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's home and beat her 82-year-old husband in October pleaded not guilty Wednesday to six charges, including attempted murder, prosecutors said.

The suspect, David DePape, had planned to kidnap the speaker — who was in Washington at the time of the attack — when he broke into the couple's San Francisco home on Oct. 28, authorities said. Instead, the 42-year-old defendant severely beat her husband, Paul Pelosi, with a hammer in an attack that was witnessed by two police officers and shocked the political world.

Paul Pelosi was knocked unconscious and woke up in a pool of his own blood. He later underwent surgery to repair a skull fracture and serious injuries to his right arm and hands. He has since appeared in public wearing a hat and a glove that covered his wounds.

Earlier this month, a judge ruled that prosecutors had presented enough evidence during a preliminary hearing to move forward. Wednesday's appearance was another arraignment, a procedural move where the defendant enters a plea on the charges that will be brought to trial.

DePape is being held without bail; his state case returns to court Feb. 23. The public defender's office declined to comment.

A federal case in which DePape has also pleaded not guilty is ongoing.

He is charged in state court with attempted murder, first-degree residential burglary, elder abuse, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment and threatening a family member of a public official.

— Associated Press

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Onetime stalwarts leaving bodybuilding league in anger

ABOVE: Contestants present themselves to the judges in August at the 2022 IFBB Miami Grand Prix, one of hundreds of contests held each year by the two organizations run by the Manion family. BELOW: Bodybuilding organization leader Jim Manion, right, with his son, J.M. Manion, at the Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio, in March. Judges and insiders say the Manions have effectively built an old-fashioned patronage system to reward favored athletes, coaches, sponsors and others. Tyler Manion, J.M.'s son, is the company's vice president.

BODYBUILDING FROM **A1**

contest judge who has sued Jim Manion in a business dispute and several others who are working for rival organizations in competition with him.

Manion's rise is a story of an audacious takeover that began in the late 1970s when he was tapped to lead the newly created National Physique Committee of the AAU, or NPC. The nonprofit was founded as a charity for the benefit of athletes and the sport "to promote and improve physique competition," its charter states. Gradually, oversight eroded. Former board members say they stopped receiving audits and financial reports. Elections and term limits went by the wayside, according to internal NPC documents.

Manion dissolved the nonprofit and turned the NPC into a private, for-profit company. Such a change requires a vote by the board, according to the laws governing nonprofits in Ohio, where the NPC was incorporated. Eight board members told The Post that they didn't know the organization had been privatized until years later. Manion continued holding board meetings as if nothing had changed, board members said.

Steve O'Brien, a longtime NPC vice president, said he didn't know the nonprofit had been dissolved until last year. Another board member said she first learned of the privatization when a Post reporter asked her about it in November.

"I'm amazed about the fact that these guys have stolen this corporation right from underneath our noses," said O'Brien, a former bodybuilder and contest promoter on the West Coast who competed in the sport's heyday in the 1970s at Muscle Beach in Venice, Calif.

In general, nonprofit corporations in Ohio are not permitted to transform themselves into for-profit companies, said Kelly May, a spokeswoman for Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

"Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1702 permits nonprofit corporations to convert to other entities, but not to for-profit corporations," May said. "In general, charitable assets must always remain charitable."

Jim Manion, who earned $278,184 in his last known salary at the nonprofit in 2016, took several steps to solidify his control over the NPC and its revenue while his family set up companies that appear related to NPC entities.

Over the course of his tenure as NPC president, Manion signed over control of the NPC's trademark to himself as an individual, documents show. J.M. Manion and his wife started a for-profit company using the same name as the NPC News website. During this time, the Manions encouraged advertisers at the official NPC News magazine to buy ads on the website, according to interviews.

J.M. also listed himself as co-owner of a clothing company that sold NPC-branded gear, according to his LinkedIn page, which was taken down after The Post asked a spokesman for Jim Manion about it. Jim Manion's wife started a company whose initials matched the NPC's data processing vendor three months before that vendor was hired, Pennsylvania corporate records show.

Financial deals by nonprofits that provide an excessive benefit to individuals connected to the nonprofit are generally prohibited under federal law.

Available NPC records and tax filings do not include enough detail to determine whether the companies linked to the Manion family profited from the NPC. For example, the tax filings and the minutes do not list the names of its vendors. Nonprofits are required to name vendors if they earn over $100,000 and are among the five highest-paid contractors.

In response to Post questions to Jim and Tyler Manion, as well as their organization, spokesman Jon Hammond emailed a one-sentence statement.

"The NPC was formed and has always been governed in accordance with all federal, state and local laws," the statement said.

On Oct. 25, The Post published a story in which 20 women described their experiences with J.M. Manion. Some of the women said he asked them to pose for nude photographs that then appeared on his soft-core pornography sites. After that story was published, an official with one of the two most prominent contests in the sport, the Arnold Classic, said J.M. would not be photographing the event in March.

J.M. did not respond to requests for comment. Following publication of The Post's story, Brian H. Simmons, a lawyer representing Jim Manion, the NPC and the IFBB Pro League, the professional bodybuilding arm that Manion also owns, said his clients "emphatically deny any and all wrongdoing." Simmons added that some people cited in The Post's story "possess a clear animus against my clients due to many prior disputes between the parties and/or the fact they are directly competing or seeking to directly compete against NPC and/or IFBB Pro League."

Some high-profile figures in bodybuilding say Manion has been good for the sport.

Lee Haney, an eight-time Mr. Olympia, said Manion has helped with his mentoring program for decades.

"Jim Manion is a man of integrity and we've been friends for years. We've prayed together over the phone."

Sandy Williamson, a former vice president of the nonprofit NPC and a prominent contest judge, said the organization has done wonders for women.

"I've been working under Jim Manion for 40 years and the guy has always been about the athletes," Williamson said. "He has helped women get contracts and build businesses, he's always been about the athletes. The people who you are talking to are not part of this organization anymore because they were never about the athletes."

While long viewed as a fringe sport, bodybuilding attracts thousands of athletes in the United States and many more internationally. The twjo organizations run by the Manion family oversee hundreds of contests per year, from smaller regional events for amateurs around the country and abroad to the headline competitions where top male pros can earn more than $600,000, such as the Olympia, held earlier this month in Las Vegas. Pro women earn much less than men.

The sport is both art and competition, with athletes working out in weight rooms to sculpt their bodies and following pre-contest diet regimens designed to better show off their muscles onstage. Athletes compete in categories based on the degree of musculature. In contests, they perform a series of poses onstage for judges who score them according to criteria outlined by the federations.

BUILT & BROKEN

A Washington Post investigation into the world of bodybuilding. This multipart series explores the exploitation of women, the health risks to athletes and the man who runs the largest federations in the United States. Prior articles in the series:

The Women: Female bodybuilders say they were pressured to pose for sexual photos by the son of the man in charge of the amateur and professional bodybuilding federations. Visit wapo.st/the-women

The Reporter: How a Post reporter whose father brought bodybuilding into the mainstream ended up investigating the sport. Visit wapo.st/the-reporter

The Extremes: Bodybuilders are risking their lives and sometimes dying for the sport they love because of measures encouraged by coaches, rewarded by judges and ignored by industry leaders. Visit wapo.st/the-extremes

Neggy Shelton: Coached until she collapsed, an aspiring bodybuilder is now on life support. Visit wapo.st/shelton

Have a tip on the bodybuilding world? Email the reporters at builtandbroken@washpost.com.

Judges and insiders say the Manions have effectively built an old-fashioned patronage system to reward favored athletes, coaches, sponsors and others. Several former officials and athletes said in interviews that they were ostracized from Manion's organizations after disagreements with him or family members.

O'Brien said he sold his West Coast shows after Manion, who chooses the promoters, asked him how old he was and suggested a replacement. O'Brien was 70 at the time, and selling seemed the only option. O'Brien said he now regrets not speaking out earlier about the management of the NPC.

At a contest in Phoenix in 2010, O'Brien said he witnessed a judge altering the winning lineup after phone conversations with Manion and his son, J.M. "I got really pissed off," said O'Brien, who has judged some of the top professional competitions in the world.

Wayne DeMilia worked closely with Manion for more than two decades as head of the NPC's then-professional affiliate in the United States. He returned to bodybuilding in 2017 after a 13-year absence to run a rival amateur organization, IFBB Physique America, under the auspices of the original worldwide professional bodybuilding organization, now known as the International Fitness and Bodybuilding Federation (IFBB).

Founded in 1946 in Montreal by the famed Weider brothers, Ben and Joe, the IFBB was the world's leading federation until Manion split from it in 2017 and later formed his own professional league. Manion chose a similar name for his new federation, the IFBB Pro League, which has surpassed the original IFBB because it runs the two largest events, the Olympia and the Arnold Schwarzenegger-owned Arnold Classic.

DeMilia, who was the first to approach The Post with allegations about Manion's empire, said he has made it his mission to hold Manion accountable. Many former colleagues told DeMilia that greed was warping it, he said, adding that athletes and others in the business were helpless to do anything but bow to the Manions.

"If you're making money and you enjoy being part of the sport, that's what you have to put up with now," DeMilia said.

Onetime NPC stalwarts are leaving in anger over how the Manions have run the organization.

Pete Fancher, once a board member from Florida, promoted his last contest in 2018, and told The Post that Manion rules the organization "by fear." He looks back at Manion's leadership with "disgust, pure disgust."

Miles Neussle, a former board member, held his last show in July and then resigned because of Manion's "arrogance, corruption and intimidation," he told The Post.

Brent Jones ran bodybuilding competitions in Kentucky for decades, but he gave it up in October because of the "sexualization of the sport and the corruption," he said in a statement he posted on social media.

Stuffing the ballot box

If Ken Sprague could replay the founding of the NPC, he says, he wouldn't have cheated to put Manion in the top job.

Sprague was the owner of Gold's Gym in Venice, Calif., known as the center of bodybuilding. Manion was president of the Amateur Athletic Union's Physique Committee, which then presided over amateur bodybuilding in America. In 1978, an act of Congress removed the AAU from governance of any sport, and bodybuilders moved to start their own organization.

To head off another candidate whom he didn't think was up to the job, Sprague says he championed Manion, then a former bodybuilder from Pittsburgh, to lead the newly independent organization, the National Physique Committee of the AAU. The election was by a secret ballot, but Sprague said he was able to stuff the box with a fistful of Manion "votes," he recalled in an interview from his home in Georgia.

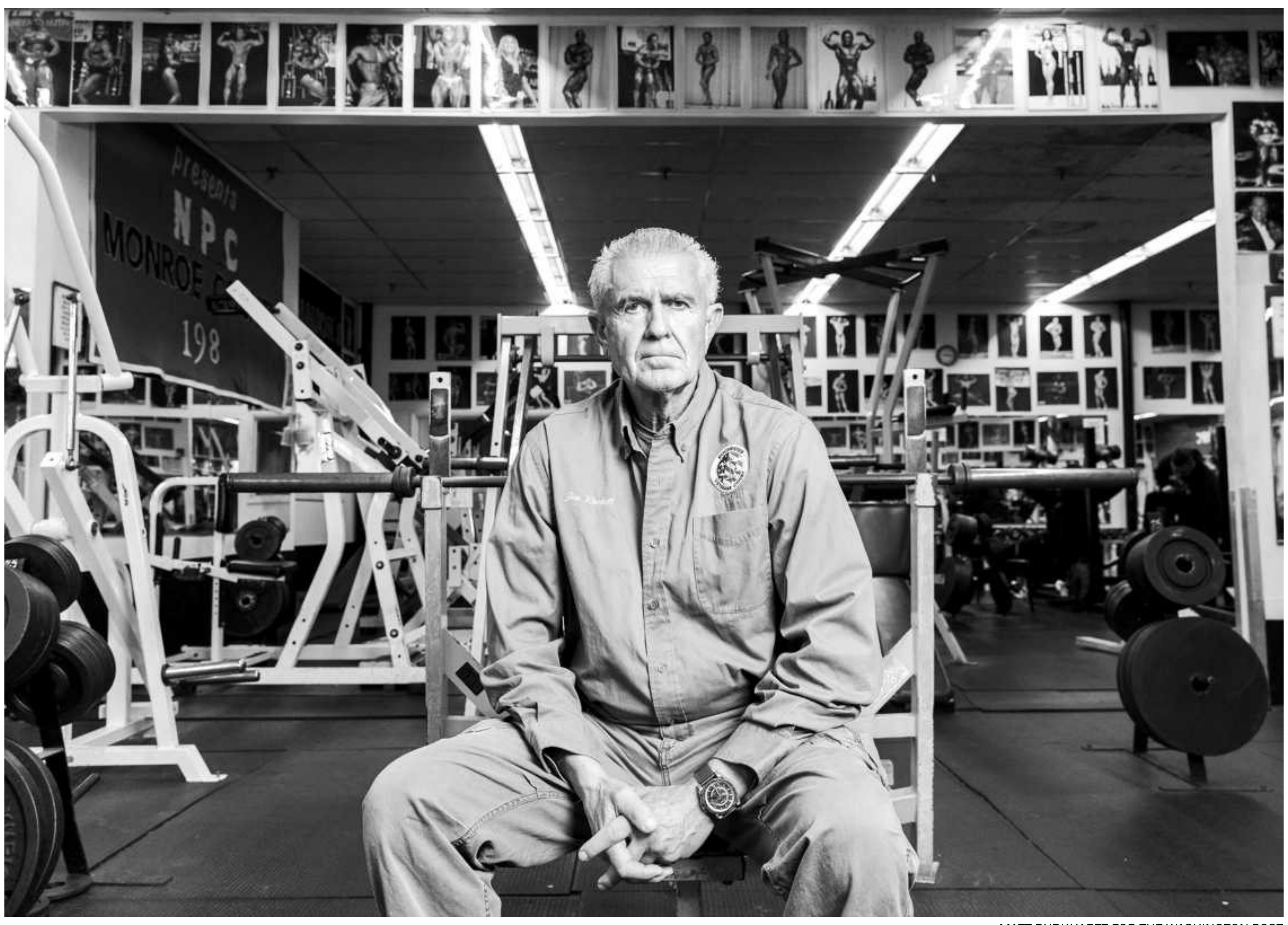
"It was very easy to miscount," said Sprague, 77. "I'm not proud of it. But the calculation was that it was best for bodybuilding at that time."

Once in place as president of the NPC, Manion developed his own power base. In 1981, the organization's name was changed to the National Physique Committee of the USA.

Many people who were once close to Manion say he adopted some of the mannerisms and vocabulary of mafia films and TV shows, according to several insiders who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they feared retribution.

Inside his warehouse in Pittsburgh, a poster from the gangster movie "Goodfellas" used to have Manion's face pasted onto Robert De Niro's, the insiders said. Manion sometimes greets male associates with kisses on the cheek, others say, and talks about people who make money for him as his "earners," as if he were Tony Soprano.

Richard Rondinelli, a promoter who knew Manion from the early days and was later convicted of tax evasion charges related to selling steroids, said he found it comical that NPC associates would refer to the Manions as "the family," as if they were connected to the mafia.



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Jim Rockell, above, once an NPC vice president and close friend of Jim Manion's, says he was cast out of Manion's circle several years ago after ignoring a directive to avoid Wayne DeMilia, below right. Rockell is now executive vice president of DeMilia's organization, IFBB Physique America, a rival to Manion's amateur league. DeMilia, who had worked closely with Manion for more than two decades, said he has made it his mission to hold Manion accountable for warping the sport. Ken Sprague, below left, who had been the owner of Gold's Gym in Venice, Calif., known as the center of bodybuilding, says he regrets helping Manion become head of the newly independent NPC in 1978.

"The family? The family of what? I have no idea," Rondinelli said. "Is it the Partridge Family?"

But the image Jim Manion cultivated is no joke to many people in the bodybuilding world who spoke to The Post. More than a dozen expressed fear of retaliation for speaking out.

Board members said the drift away from oversight dates back to the 1980s and 1990s, when the sport was booming, gyms were sprouting everywhere and many of the board members were making money running contests.

The NPC's original bylaws, obtained by The Post, had protections in place that were gradually eliminated or ignored, such as yearly independent audits, term limits and power vested in the voting members, documents and interviews show. The Post also obtained minutes from meetings of the NPC's board of governors and trustees, spanning the years 1985 to 2017, but was unable to acquire complete records. The NPC declined a request for its minutes.

The board of governors had the power to choose which promoters could run and profit from major events while paying the NPC for the privilege. But over time, the board stopped selecting the promoters, former board members say, and Manion began picking them himself.

"All of a sudden you get the same promoters for every national event," said Jim Rockell, who was an NPC vice president, a frequent head judge at top pro events and once a close friend of Manion's. "And there were no other bids. Bids were already sealed, and they were already determined ahead of time. And that's how that went."

Rockell, who now works with DeMilia as executive vice president of IFBB Physique America, says he was cast out of Manion's circle several years ago. Rockell said he ignored a directive to stay away from DeMilia, an outspoken Manion critic. DeMilia was not working in the sport at the time, and he and Rockell had a friendly dinner. The word got back to Manion, Rockell said, and the two argued.

Rockell said Manion told him: "If you think you can talk to anyone you want, you are mistaken."

Manion stopped assigning Rockell as a judge in his federations, Rockell said, so he resigned.

Rockell said Manion demanded that promoters pay his way to the contests, sometimes with first-class plane tickets, and put him up in fancy hotels. "It was always a suite," Rockell said.

The NPC's revenue became less transparent at some point in the 1980s, board members say, when Manion stopped presenting the charity's financials to the board. O'Brien and Rockell said they cannot remember seeing the charity's tax filings during the decades they served as vice presidents, though the forms require an officer to certify that copies were provided to all members of the governing board before filing.

Fancher, the Florida promoter who was on the NPC's board of governors from the early 1990s until its dissolution in 2018, was asked by The Post whether he ever saw financials. His reply was terse: "Oh, hell no!"

Many of the officials and promoters who spoke to The Post said they noticed that during the nonprofit era, NPC-branded clothing and gym gear was being sold by a business connected to the Manions. That is not allowed under rules governing nonprofits unless the board approves a license and the NPC is compensated at fair market value. But the board members were unclear whether the NPC was compensated, and they did not ask.

"All insider transactions are looked at by rules governing excess benefit transactions," said Benjamin Leff, a professor who teaches the law of charitable and nonprofit organizations at American University's Washington College of Law. If the insider "paid fair market value, it's done in a written agreement and the disallowed person does not participate in the decision, it can be okay. All this should be well-documented in the minutes." Ex-board members say that Manion did not offer information about the clothing business to the board.

"Nothing. Nothing, nothing, nothing," said Rockell, who used to carry NPC merchandise in his gym. "You figure as a member of the NPC, you're buying it to support the organization."

Some NPC financial documents, including internal audits from the 1980s and early 1990s, show some income from apparel. One year, it was grouped in a category with donations and videocassettes and listed at $31,000.

According to a LinkedIn page for J.M. Manion, he became co-owner of California Active Wear in 1986, in charge of photography, marketing and accounting. J.M. is listed as a co-owner of California Active Wear with John Albert, his uncle, in Experian's corporate database.

Rockell said he bought the NPC merchandise he sold in his gym from California Active Wear and dealt with Albert on the orders.

Albert could not be reached for comment.

In 1996, a website linked to California Active Wear was registered to J.M. Manion's personal email. The site, npcwear.com, has been offering NPC-branded apparel since at least 1997, archived versions show. Internet domain records show that both npc-wear.com and npcwear.com have been registered since 2000 to J.M. Productions, a company owned by J.M. Manion, corporate business records show. At various times, the clothing sites included links to J.M.'s soft-core pornography sites, The Post found.

Board members say they were not aware of any licensing of the NPC name. In a 2008 lawsuit, however, the NPC stated it had licensed its trademark for clothing but did not name any companies. There is no line item for apparel income reported in tax filings for the NPC from 1998 to 2017, and the filings show no revenue from the licensing of the trademark during that period.

The treasurer

Board members describe Harry Wulff, the NPC's longtime treasurer who became vice president of the private NPC company, as quiet, reserved and often in the background.

Wulff was also busy. According to tax filings made by the nonprofits, he worked 100-hour weeks. Between 2006 and 2009, Wulff was making $108,000 annually from the NPC, and was listed as working an average of 40 hours per week. But that was only his second job — in those years he also earned $88,000 to $112,000 a year from a nonprofit printer's association he ran. The nonprofit declared he worked an average of 60 hours per week as its president.

Wulff has been deeply involved in the NPC since the 1980s and shared an office with Manion at the Pittsburgh warehouse. Their wives were also in business together, documents show.

On Sept. 24, 1987, Manion's wife, Deborah A. Albert, and Wulff's wife, Jane A. Wulff, filed incorporation papers to start a for-profit company called Data Service International, described as "a computer listing service." State business records list the corporate address for the company as the home addresses of the Wulffs.

Less than three weeks later, at the NPC board meeting in Atlantic City, Wulff announced that the NPC would begin using a new computer service to keep track of its membership registrations, the minutes show. The service, Wulff said, would have a dedicated operator, just for the NPC.

The minutes did not mention the name of the company. The board passed a motion unanimously to approve the use of the unnamed company. The following year, members were told to mail checks to "D.S.I."

Finding D.S.I. would have proved difficult for customers. The Post could not find a listed phone or commercial business address for D.S.I. or locate the company in any commercial credit or business database over the 35 years it has been in business.

After the switch to D.S.I., data processing costs for the NPC grew steadily — from $51,000 in 1985 to $425,000 in 2004, NPC audit records and tax filings show. In 2015, the final year data processing is accounted for, the NPC spent $284,000.

Even with the addition of D.S.I.'s services, the NPC continued to rely on an outdated system to register members, according to a case study by Blue Archer, a Pittsburgh-based company hired by the NPC to help transition to online registrations in 2016. In the study, Blue Archer said the NPC had relied on an inefficient paper system for membership and was "stuck in the past."

"NPC did all 50,000 memberships by hand," the study said. Members would print cards off the web and send them to NPC headquarters in Pittsburgh. "The NPC Administration team would then collect each mailed application and check and manually enter all of the handwritten information into a system," the study reported.

Blue Archer did not respond to requests for comment.

Questions for Deborah Albert and Harry Wulff were provided to NPC spokesman Hammond, but they did not respond. Jane Wulff is deceased.

J.M. Productions

For three decades, the nonprofit produced a magazine called NPC News as a benefit to members and funded by their dues. It also ran a companion website, npcnewsonline.com, administered by J.M. Manion and J.M. Productions and registered to NPC News.

In late 2013, J.M. and his wife, Debra Amelio-Manion, registered a for-profit company called NPC News Online.

Carl A. Chiocca, 57, creative director for the NPC News magazine for 15 years, said he started to see advertisers migrate from the magazine to the website. Chiocca said he suggested a reciprocal agreement in which advertisers who bought an ad on the website would get an ad in the magazine as well. He said Jim Manion rejected the suggestion without giving a reason.

"They were heavily pushing the website. It was apparent," Chiocca said in an interview with The Post. "The advertisers would quit advertising in the magazine, and then I would see them on the website."

NPC magazine advertising fell from about $869,000 in 2002 to zero from 2014 through 2016, tax filings show. During that period, the NPC's costs for producing the magazine spiked dramatically, from $979,000 in 2011 to nearly $2.7 million in 2015.

Chiocca said he was baffled by that increase. "We did not change the process," he said.

The magazine folded in 2018.

The Post could not determine whether money went from the nonprofit NPC to J.M.'s for-profit company, NPC News Online. J.M. did not respond to questions about why he incorporated a company using the trademarked name of the NPC. Board members who spoke to The Post said they were unaware that Manion's son had created a company using the name of the NPC website.

Though J.M. worked at the magazine for many years, the NPC did not declare business transactions with him before 2014, records show. That year, the nonprofit listed payments totaling $307,714 to J.M. for photography services. Over the following two years, the NPC paid him an additional $591,493. Federal tax forms for nonprofits specifically ask companies to declare when they are paying relatives of officers.

Rockell said that Manion made clear to him and other promoters that if they were putting on a competition, they had to hire J.M. as the official photographer.

"You had to pay him cash under the table and take care of his food, his lodging and so forth," Rockell said.

J.M. and Debra Amelio-Manion did not respond to requests for comment.

A 2016 antitrust lawsuit filed against the NPC by a rival organization alleged, among other things, that Manion owned or controlled companies that profited off the NPC.

"Businesses owned or controlled by Jim Manion — including NPC Active Wear, NPC News Online, and DSI — are involved in publishing, clothes manufacturing, and nutritional supplement distribution and marketing," the lawsuit stated. "These companies are highly influential within the United States bodybuilding community because they serve as the main conduit between athletes (who are seeking sponsorship) and fitness industry businesses (who are seeking athlete endorsements or other publicity)."

Lawyers for the NPC denied the allegations.

Behind the lawsuit was Lee Thompson, who ran Manion's Texas operation and served as a chief judge in the IFBB Pro League before publicly splitting with Manion in 2015. Thompson started a competing company called NPC Global and attempted to promote his own bodybuilding events. Manion sued Thompson for using the NPC name. In 2016, Thompson sued Manion and the NPC on antitrust grounds, alleging that they attempted to stifle the competition. The lawsuits were later settled.

Manion declined to comment on the settlement.

Moving the cash

In hindsight, several of the NPC's board members say they should have asked more questions about the nonprofit charity's financials, given what they describe as Manion's preference for cash transactions.

For years, cash flowed from the U.S. contests to the Manion-led NPC and IFBB Pro League. Bodybuilders often bought their required annual membership cards at competitions and mostly paid in cash, promoters and officials say. NPC membership is slated to rise to $150 next year. A pro card costs $275. Manion said the NPC had more than 30,000 members in 2015, according to a filing in a lawsuit. The IFBB Pro League declined to give a number for its membership.

At some events there were cash-only signs for tickets to the shows as well as for the annual membership dues for athletes, multiple promoters said.

Thompson said that Manion or his wife, Deborah, sometimes drove back to Pittsburgh with cash from the contests. When they did not attend, four promoters said, cash or cashier's checks were shipped or flown back to Manion in Pittsburgh.

Thompson said he would store hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash in a safe in his house until he could deliver it to Manion.

O'Brien said that he would sometimes send cash via FedEx to Manion's office. "I remember one time I had about $25,000 in cash. And no way I was running that through my personal account," he recalled. "I would bundle it up and send it overnight. Fortunately, none of it got lost."

Sometimes, money flowed from Manion to NPC officials. "I don't remember what year it started, but all of a sudden he was cutting checks to some of our trustees," Rockell said. "I'd come into the meeting and he'd give me a $5,000 check. And so I'd say, 'Well, look, what's this for?' 'Well, because you're doing a good job, you know?'"

Benedetto Mondello runs competitions in Italy for the International Fitness and Bodybuilding Federation, which the NPC was affiliated with until Manion split from it in 2017. Mondello said that before the break he was sometimes asked to wrap cash in newspaper and mail the bundle to Manion's Pittsburgh office.

In a 2016 email to Mondello obtained by The Post, Manion's secretary advised him that he could no longer send payments through MoneyGram or Western Union because the transfer services "have said we have reached our limit."

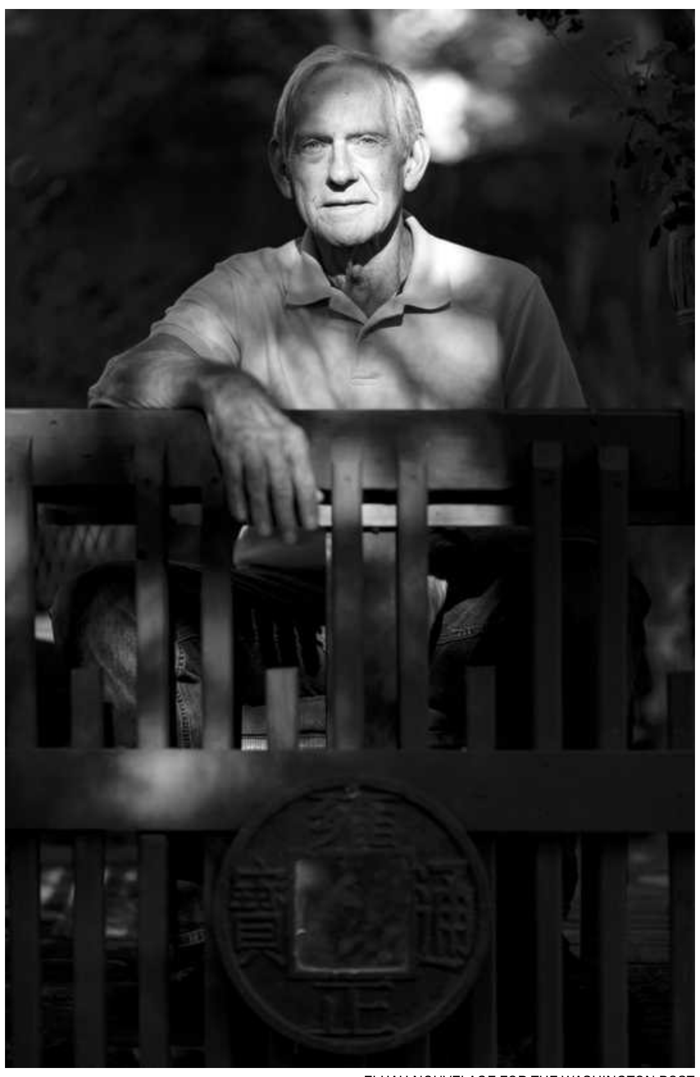
"So you either send a money order or another way is to send cash by FEDEX or DHL but don't tell them it's cash, say it's a contract or they won't allow you to send," the secretary wrote. "Also, if you have a friend in the US that can send it for you that will also work."

The NPC's secretary declined to comment to The Post.

The takeover

On Sept. 2, 2015, Jim Manion, president of the nonprofit NPC, gave himself the organization's most valuable asset: its name.

The name had been first trademarked by the NPC in 1990. Twenty-five years later, Manion transferred the trademark to himself, signing the federal trademark document as a "duly authorized representative" of the NPC, "James B. Manion, President."



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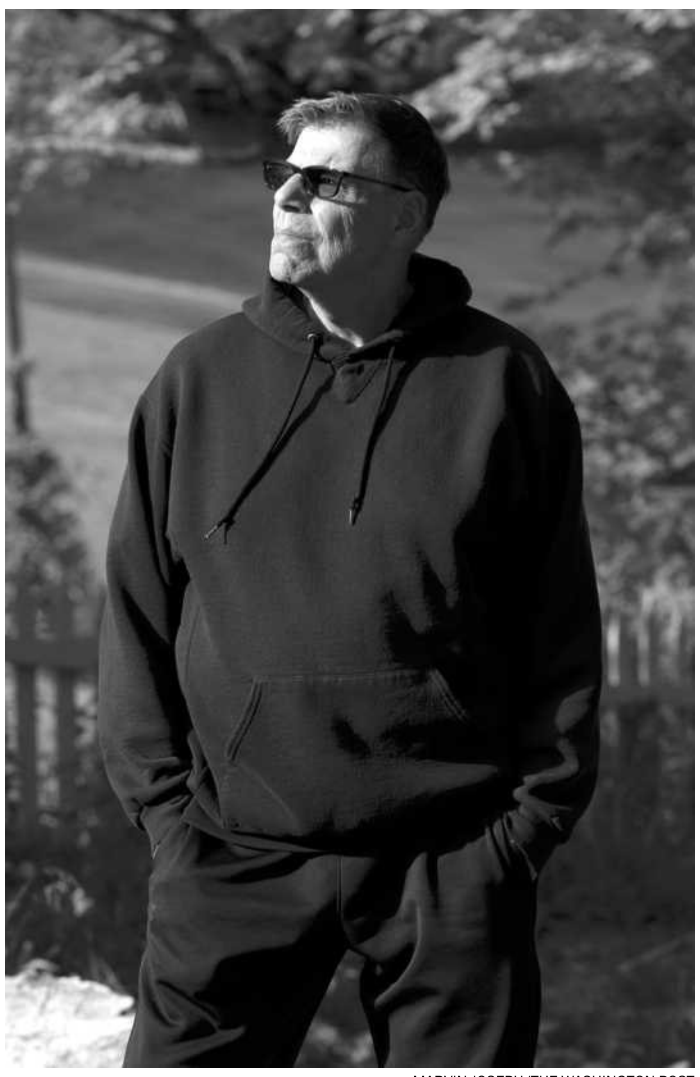

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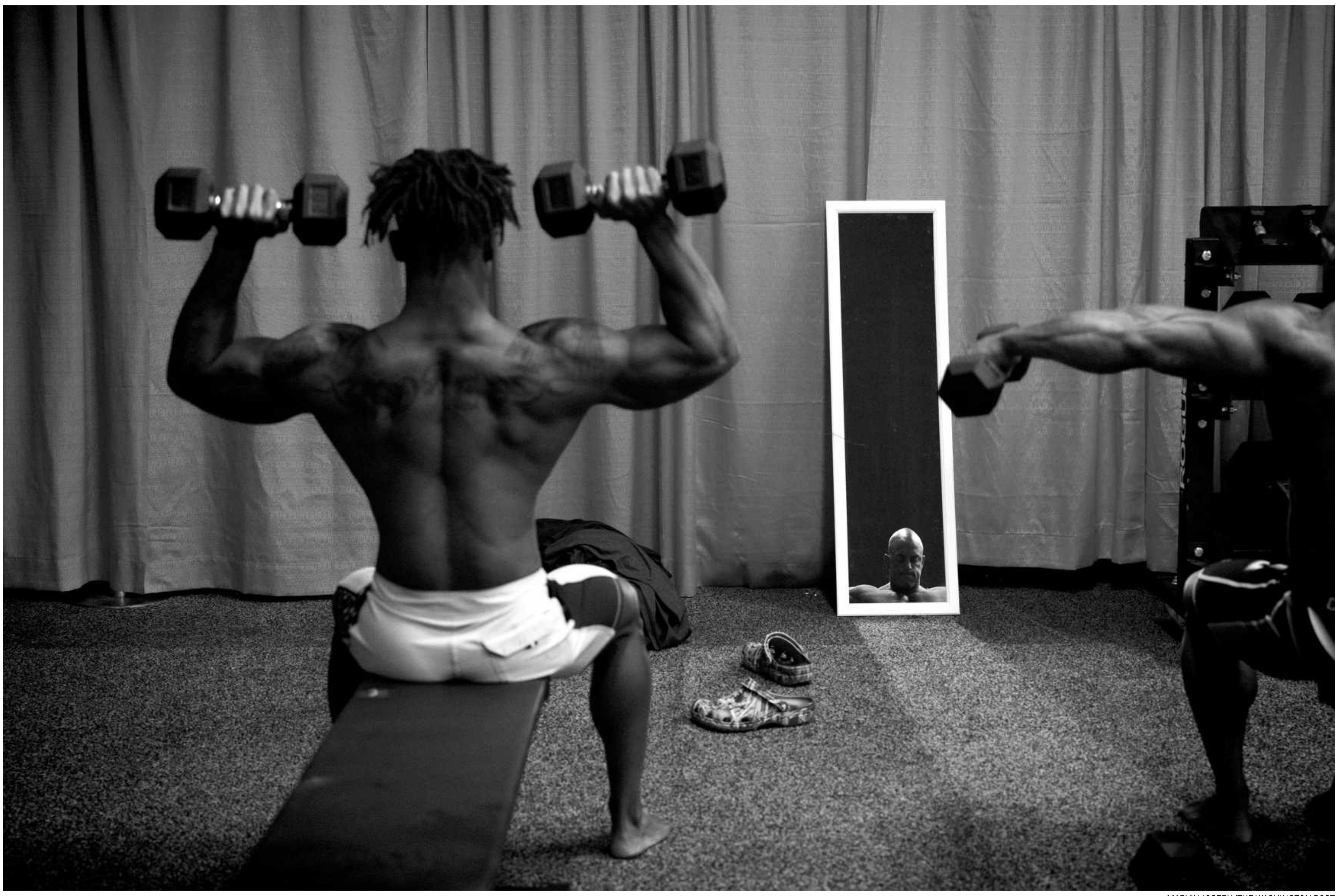

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When Manion filed the paperwork to take the NPC name, he declared he was authorized to transfer it. But he didn't ask for approval from the board until weeks later.

"You've made an oath to the trademark office," said Christine Farley, a trademark expert who directs the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property at the Washington College of Law at American University. "If you didn't have the authority to make that transfer, it could be fraud on the trademark office."

Although the transfer of the trademark had already happened, Manion called a special meeting of the board's officers by conference call for Oct. 1, to approve what he had already done.

The meeting was to consider "ratifying and approving" the transfer of "the trademark 'NPC' to James Manion, subject to James Manion granting the [NPC] a perpetual exclusive license to use the mark 'NPC,'" according to a notice signed by Wulff.

According to O'Brien, who was on the call, after a brief discussion that did not touch on the trademark, Manion dropped off the call to talk to some lawyers, and Wulff took over.

After some small talk, the call ended. O'Brien said the assignment of the trademark to Manion was not discussed or voted upon at the meeting. "I thought the meeting was about him turning it over to us, not him taking it for himself," O'Brien said.

Once Manion acquired the trademark, his new private company would not have to buy it, a costly process that would have required an appraisal of its value and board approval, according to federal and state nonprofit laws.

According to Farley and other experts, the failure to get prior approval could mean that the transfer is invalid — that neither Manion, his family nor his companies own the NPC name today.

Trademark appraisal expert Joseph Kettell, a managing director at Appraisal Economics in Paramus, N.J., said service businesses such as the NPC are usually valued at one times annual revenue. NPC revenue was $6,188,181 in its tax filing in 2016. "A well-known trademark can be 25 to 40 percent of a company's value," Kettell said.

Leff, the American University law professor, said the board "would have a duty not to give away an asset without appraising its value and receiving fair market value for it. The person receiving the asset would have to declare any conflicts, and all of this would need to be documented."

The transfer of the trademark is tantamount to taking the whole company, trademark experts said, including its goodwill and brand equity.

"That is fundamental," said Brian A. Coleman, an attorney specializing in intellectual property and trademark law at Faegre Drinker. "With that assignment, you are the company."

Soon, Manion would take over the whole company.

Weeks after the call with the officers, the NPC's board gathered in Miami on Nov. 19, 2015, for an annual meeting that several members recall as unremarkable. But according to the minutes mailed months later, it was the end of the NPC as a nonprofit.

The minutes record that Manion asked the board to "start the process to change the NPC from a not-for-profit to a profit." It was listed under "old business." Manion justified the change as "the natural evolution in the success of the NPC," while noting that contest promoters, which included most of the people in the room, were very successful and already for-profit entities.

The minutes said the motion was approved unanimously.

But several board members who were listed as present for the motion denied that it was either proposed or voted upon. The Post attempted to contact all 35 voting members listed as in attendance that day. Some declined to comment or did not respond. Eight board members said the vote did not occur.

Former board member Michael McKinney said he did not recall any discussion or vote around privatization at the time.

"That's not really something we approve, it comes from the top," he said. "My loyalties were always to Jim. I did not believe I was a voting member. The board of governors was more for information as to the way we were operating."

ABOVE: Competitors warm up backstage at the Arnold Classic in March. For years, bodybuilders often bought their required annual membership cards at NPC and IFBB Pro League competitions and mostly paid in cash, promoters and officials say, and at some events there were also cash-only signs for tickets, according to multiple promoters.
BELOW: Former bodybuilder and promoter Steve O'Brien, right, was a longtime vice president of the National Physique Committee. He said he didn't know the nonprofit had been dissolved until last year. Pictured with him are, from left, Bill Cambra, Joe Weider and Dale Hatcher.

McKinney, 51, said he was not upset when he later learned Manion had turned the company into a for-profit entity. "If it wasn't for Jim Manion, the NPC would not be there," he said. "It started with shows in high school auditoriums and now shows are held in huge venues."

Taking such a vote at the end of the board meeting might not have sufficed. The law in Ohio, where the NPC was incorporated, requires the leadership of a nonprofit to hold a special meeting to vote to dissolve the organization, and then to inform all board members that the vote has happened.

"The general principle is a meeting has to be called for that purpose," said Daniel J. Hoffheimer, an Ohio lawyer who specializes in nonprofit corporate law. "That means the notice of the meeting has to state that one of the purposes of the meeting, an item on the agenda at that meeting, will be a vote on or a decision on the dissolution. And if that's not in the notice, then it's not properly noticed."

Only two of the eight board members who spoke to The Post said they remembered the issue being discussed, and they said that occurred at the end of the meeting after most of the members had left the table. None had read the notice in the 2015 minutes when they were sent out months later, they said, though the notes from the following year say the minutes were approved by the board.

"I don't think I would have supported that," board member Pam Betz said. When a Post reporter asked her in November if she was just learning in the interview that the NPC had been privatized, Betz replied: "I think so. Wow."

Tax law experts said Manion would have had an obligation to place the nonprofit's interests before his own.

"The duty of loyalty says that the officers and directors, again, who are managing this thing have to do shared duty to not operate the organization to benefit themselves," said Philip Hackney, a law professor from the University of Pittsburgh. "You're also not supposed to take business opportunities that the organization might have."

After the vote, it would take more than two years to unwind the nonprofit, with a final dissolution recorded in 2018 with the Ohio secretary of state's office. Manion had already applied the trademarked name he had taken from the nonprofit, the National Physique Committee of the USA, to a for-profit company registered in Pennsylvania.

In the NPC's final years as a nonprofit, certain expenses soared. Among them, the NPC spent $1.69 million on management fees in 2016. There had been no such fees recorded since at least the late 1990s.

Several of the board members said in interviews that they were not aware and could not understand the sudden appearance of such large management fees.

"I'm flabbergasted," Betz said. "I don't have any explanation for this."

All of the eight board members at the 2015 meeting who spoke to The Post said they were in the dark when on March 15, 2017, the NPC began giving away its remaining cash assets, a legal requirement when a nonprofit dissolves.

"When a nonprofit dissolves in Ohio, every asset must be independently appraised and a value set," Hoffheimer said. "That would include things like trademarks, copyrights, any intellectual property that is owned. There's nothing to prevent a board of directors from dissolving the nonprofit; however, they have to comply with the requirements of the statute."

All the assets of the nonprofit, he said, have to be distributed for nonprofit purposes. The tax form for 2017 lists donations to Manion's church, Our Lady of Victory, and to the Pittsburgh YMCA, among others. The donations totaled $214,280. According to an officer at the church, Manion had been making donations for years in the name of the NPC, though three board members who spoke to The Post said they were unaware of them.

One donation for $35,280 went to a nonprofit mentoring program in Georgia called Haney's Harvest House, run by Lee Haney, the Mr. Olympia champion. He hosts a yearly NPC-sanctioned bodybuilding competition that doubles as a fundraiser for Harvest House.

O'Brien said he didn't understand what happened to the nonprofit until 2020, when a friend showed him the publicly available 2017 tax filing indicating that the nonprofit had been dissolved. Now, he says, it's clear that Manion deceived him, since Manion called annual board meetings in 2018 and 2019, behaving as if the company were still a nonprofit.

"They talked about a board. I mean come on, there was no board," O'Brien said.

When a nonprofit dissolves in Ohio, it must notify the secretary of state's office, which the NPC did in 2018. And it must also alert the attorney general's office that the company's assets have been transferred to another nonprofit, Hoffheimer said.

The spokeswoman for the Ohio attorney general said the office has received no notice of dissolution from NPC.

"Our office does not have any evidence that between 1978 and 2018 'The National Physique Committee of the USA' ever registered, filed annual reports, or submitted a dissolution," May said.

As Manion was privatizing the NPC, he ended his organizations' affiliation with the world's biggest bodybuilding organization, the IFBB.

In September 2017, international judges from the IFBB arrived in Las Vegas for the Olympia contest but were barred from judging, according to Pawel Filleborn, one of the judges. Manion brought in his own judges and continued on as the IFBB Pro League.

At the NPC's annual board meeting, held in November 2017, Manion told the board that the NPC had been separated from the IFBB, according to the meeting minutes. Most of the top professional bodybuilders went with Manion, as did the promoters of the Olympia and the Arnold Classic.

In 2020 he sold the NPC trademark back to his now-private company, the National Physique Committee of the USA.

A filing at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office said the company paid $10.

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THE WORLD

Brace for outages, France warns, but no panic, please

With some nuclear plants offline and coldest part of winter ahead, officials sternly demand energy conservation while trying to avoid a public frenzy

BY RICK NOACK

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Christmas lights twinkle early this month around the Galeries Lafayette department store in Paris, with the Eiffel Tower illuminated in the distance. The French government has switched for months between reassurances and unsettling news about the energy outlook, sowing confusion but also bringing usage down to 9 percent below average.

SAINT-BRIEUC, FRANCE — If France's power grid nears its limits in the coming weeks, officials say, the warning signs won't be subtle. Millions of people would receive phone alerts. On government sites, power consumption charts would switch to red. The final option would be one that until now has seemed unthinkable: rolling regional power outages to avoid the kind of blackouts last seen in 1978, when much of the country came to a standstill for hours.

French officials have suggested that such a scenario is more likely this winter than at any time in nearly half a century. Or maybe not.

The government has switched for months between reassurances and unsettling news, trying to prompt just the right amount of public concern to persuade residents to lower their power consumption. But after a whirlwind of contradictory announcements — and despite a plea from President Emmanuel Macron that "we must not give in to panic!" — the needle has now swung decisively into the direction of public frenzy.

As Europe heads into what is typically its two coldest months, more than a dozen French nuclear power plants are still shut down by safety concerns and inspection delays. It's unclear whether France's neighbors can fully bridge the electricity-generation gap amid a significant decline in Russia's natural gas deliveries to the continent because of its war in Ukraine.

When RTE, the French power-grid operator, warned last month of a "high" risk of power outages in January, the government scrambled to release emergency plans and urged local officials to prepare for worst-case scenarios. A state-owned energy company added to the chaos by incorrectly saying that patients on breathing machines at home would "not be among priority clients." Phone carriers warned that cellphone emergency calls might not go through.

"For a few weeks now, people have been rather worried about the situation," said Fabien Antoine, who operates an electrical equipment store in Saint-Brieuc, a town in the northwestern region of Brittany. Antoine had to create a waiting list for battery-powered lamps after demand skyrocketed and his suppliers struggled to keep up. Interest in small solar panels is also on the rise, as some customers look for ways to power appliances and devices without having to rely on the national grid, he said.

Residents here have lived for years under warnings of possible grid failures, partly because Brittany is on a windy peninsula on the western edge of France and relies on energy produced elsewhere. But locals don't remember having ever encountered more-widespread outage concerns than at the moment.

"There are real insecurities about how to get through the winter," said Nadia Druillennec, a deputy mayor of Saint-Brieuc, as she sat in the mayor's chilly office with a long scarf wrapped around her neck. To save energy, temperatures have been turned down to 66 degrees or lower in public buildings nationwide.

Fearing public anger, Macron's government capped energy prices at a relatively low level. While other countries have seen higher prices as one way to drive down consumption, France initially focused on appealing to residents' sense of civic duty to voluntarily cut back.

Household usage was slow to drop, though. By late November, amid the increasingly dire assessments, the government toughened its tone and suggested it might be forced to impose limited power outages unless consumption fell enough.

Officials released details on how such announced outages would unfold. Hospitals, police stations and other critical infrastructure would continue to be supplied. But schools, homes, most businesses and even traffic lights in impacted areas would lose electricity for several hours in the morning or evening.

Those scenarios have swayed many people — electricity consumption has most recently been 9 percent below average — but some worry about their impact on French morale. "There comes a time when fear is more paralyzing than mobilizing," a close ally of Macron told the newspaper Le Monde.

After an updated assessment from France's grid operator of a "medium" instead of "high" risk of blackouts in January, government ministers suddenly sound optimistic again. Yet there's now concern that the mixed messaging has cost the government much-needed credibility.

Maxime Besnoux, a 39-year-old school principal in the Brittany town of La Méaugon, said that the initial warnings prompted many questions but that he and his staff still have no more information "than the parents of the students."

Many of the region's residents know from experience that weather and consumption patterns can be difficult to predict, meaning that the worst may very well be yet to come. France's grid operator says cutting power consumption up to 15 percent — almost twice the current level — may be necessary to prevent a blackout in extreme weather.

At the same time, people here have also seen how the prospect of blackouts can drive positive changes in the long run. "It really helps to raise awareness that people have to be careful and resourceful," said Maryse Menguy, a senior energy official in Brittany.

André Crocq, a regional councilman who focuses on energy issues, agrees and cites home insulation efforts to prevent heat loss and a greater focus on renewables. "The situation has evolved significantly over the past 10 years," he said.

Some of the lessons learned in Brittany are being adopted elsewhere. In 2008, officials in the region released the "Ecowatt" system that warns consumers of looming energy shortfalls and encourages them to turn off their washing machines, unnecessary lamps or factory machines. Now expanded across France, the system's government-backed smartphone application has been downloaded over 2 million times.

Dominique Schaeffer, 66, who lives in the eastern city of Strasbourg, said she has closely followed Ecowatt updates since TV news began airing them this year. "Even now, we use the washing machine at night" to avoid peak consumption hours, she said.

The mobilization efforts may explain why Brittany hasn't experienced a blackout in decades. Even with only a small percent of the population participating, power consumption dropped by about three percentage points during some peak hours, said Ivan Saillard, one of Ecowatt's creators. That level of reduction, he noted, "can be decisive."

The mayor of La Méaugon, Jean-Marc Labbé, has long campaigned to reduce street lighting in his village, arguing that unnecessary lights hurt biodiversity by killing insects. The current crisis appears to be one of his strongest arguments to date, and residents recently voted for streetlights to be turned off at 9 p.m., one hour earlier than usual.

Labbé has also volunteered his village for an experiment that could add another step between voluntary consumption reduction and rolling power outages. If France's power grid does come under pressure, the village's streetlights would automatically turn off, casting its centuries-old church and its roads into darkness.

"When people return from work in the evening and see that the streetlights are off," they will know, Menguy said: "We're under alert."

DIGEST

PHILIPPINES

29 dead, 25 missing after severe flooding

Heavy rains and floods that devastated parts of the Philippines over the Christmas weekend have left at least 29 dead and 25 missing, the national disaster response agency said.

More than 86,000 people were still in emergency shelters after bad weather disrupted Christmas celebrations in the eastern, central and southern Philippines. Additional moderate to heavy rain was in the forecast, the state weather bureau said.

Images from the southern province of Misamis Occidental showed rescuers carrying an elderly woman on a plastic chair as they waded through a flooded street. Some residents in the province were seen hanging on to floaters as coast guard rescuers pulled them across chest-deep floods using a rope.

Eighteen of the 29 deaths were reported in the Northern Mindanao region, while 12 of the 25 missing were from Eastern Visayas in the central Philippines, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.

At least 3,200 houses were damaged by the floods along with roads and bridges, and some areas were without power or water, the agency reported.

— Associated Press

ISRAEL

West Bank settlements are Netanyahu priority

Benjamin Netanyahu's incoming hard-line government put West Bank settlement expansion at the top of its list of priorities, vowing to legalize dozens of illegally built outposts and annex the occupied territory as part of its coalition deal with its ultranationalist allies.

The coalition agreements, released a day before the government is to be sworn into office, also included language endorsing discrimination against LGBTQ people on religious grounds, as well as generous stipends for ultra-Orthodox men who prefer to study instead of work.

The package laid the groundwork for what is expected to be a stormy beginning for Netanyahu's government and could put it at odds with large parts of the Israeli public and Israel's closest allies abroad.

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A roadblock is seen in Rudare, near the northern part of the ethnically divided town of Mitrovica, Kosovo, on Wednesday. Authorities have closed three border crossings between Serbia and Kosovo amid escalating tensions in recent weeks. Serbia has not recognized Kosovo's declaration of independence from it in 2008.

KOSOVO

West urges restraint as third crossing is closed

The United States, NATO and the European Union urged maximum restraint in the north of Kosovo as authorities closed a third border crossing and tensions escalated with local Serbs over its 2008 independence.

For more than 20 years, Kosovo has been a source of tension between the West, which backed its independence, and Russia, which supports Serbia in its efforts to block Kosovo's membership in international organizations including the United Nations.

"We call on everyone to exercise maximum restraint, to take immediate action to unconditionally de-escalate the situation, and to refrain from provocations, threats or intimidation," the E.U. and the United States said in a joint statement.

NATO's mission in Kosovo, KFOR, said it supported dialogue among all parties to defuse tensions, which have included Serb roadblocks on major arteries by trucks and other heavy-duty vehicles and violent clashes with police.

Serbia put its army on its highest alert Monday.

The Kremlin, for its part, denied Kosovan claims that Russia was influencing Serbia to destabilize Kosovo, saying that Serbia was defending the rights of ethnic Serbs.

— Reuters

Flights resume to Tigray capital: Ethiopian Airlines has resumed scheduled flights to Tigray's capital, Mekele, as the result of a peace agreement signed between the federal government and Tigray officials in November. The move came a day after a federal government delegation led by the speaker of Ethiopia's Parliament visited Mekele, paving the way for more engagement between the two sides, which have fought a deadly war for two years in which hundreds of thousands of people have died.

South Korea to spend millions to defend against drones: South Korea plans to spend 560 billion won ($441.26 million) over the next five years to beef up its ability to fend off North Korean drones, Seoul's Defense Ministry said. The plan was included in South Korea's defense blueprint for 2023-27 after North Korean drones crossed into the South in the first such intrusion since 2017.

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U.S. sets new coronavirus testing rules for travelers from China

World scrambles after Beijing announces it's reopening its borders

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A plane lands in Beijing on Tuesday. China announced this week that it will lift zero-covid policies and begin reopening its borders Jan. 8, allowing residents to travel without quarantining upon return.

U.S. health officials Wednesday announced new testing requirements for travelers from China, a decision based in part on concerns about the lack of data coming out of that nation, which is lifting stringent zero-covid policies even as it reduces testing and reporting, making it harder for officials to identify new variants.

The requirement for all travelers 2 years old and older to show a negative test result is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 5.

Officials also announced that a voluntary traveler-based genomic surveillance program will expand from five to seven key airports in the United States. The move will allow public health officials to gain information about the genetic profile of the coronavirus from passengers traveling on 500 flights weekly from 30 countries.

The new concerns about contagion from China come almost three years to the day since the first reports emerged from that nation about a concerning pathogen. While officials acknowledged that the measures would not eliminate risk, requirements can be adjusted quickly as circumstances change.

The U.S. move follows actions by several other countries scrambling to respond to China's sudden announcement this week that it will begin reopening its borders Jan. 8, allowing residents to travel without quarantining upon return. Governments and tourism businesses around the world are preparing for a possible influx of travelers from what had been among the world's largest outbound tourist markets.

As the coronavirus runs rampant in China, preparations have become all the more difficult, experts and U.S. officials say, because of the lack of transparency by the Chinese government about the extent of the outbreak.

Japan has announced it will require a negative coronavirus test on arrival for travelers from China and quarantine those who test positive.

South Korea's Disease Control and Prevention Agency is set to announce new measures for Chinese travelers Friday, said Choi Seung-ho, a department spokesman. In India last week, the government started testing travelers from four Asian countries, including China.

Japan will limit flights to and from mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao to four of its major airports starting Friday. Airlines were asked not to increase flights at those airports.

The restrictions threaten to dampen the rebound of Chinese tourists to countries that had previously welcomed them. They also raise questions about the role of geography-based coronavirus restrictions at a time when the world increasingly regards the virus as endemic — constantly present but under control — and has all but moved on from such rules.

Ali Mokdad, an epidemiologist and professor at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington School of Medicine, has been monitoring the situation in China closely.

IHME's modeling, he said, which relies substantially on Hong Kong's experience with adjustments made for factors such as mainland China's rural population, suggests there could be 300,000 deaths by April and 1.2 million by the end of 2023 — or closer to 500,000 and 1.6 million respectively if the Chinese government and people decide to let the virus rip through the population.

"Some of the models may be too cautious," warned J. Stephen Morrison, director of the Global Health Policy Center at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "There is potential for chaos."

Scott Kennedy, trustee chair in Chinese Business and Economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies who spent seven weeks in China under its zero-covid policy, said the new measures are an effort to address the challenge from new variants that might emerge. Getting reliable data, on the other hand, is a longer-term challenge.

"I think we're going to have a very difficult time getting full information about the extent of covid in China," Kennedy said, even as he hoped for greater communication between Chinese and U.S. health officials. "I don't even think the Chinese government itself has comprehensive information."

The sudden restrictions by countries such as Japan were already affecting travelers. Alvin Lo, a 42-year-old from Hong Kong, was scheduled to fly from New Chitose Airport in Hokkaido, Japan, directly to Hong Kong on Jan. 4, but that flight will no longer be allowed. He spent Tuesday frantically searching for options and said Wednesday he was considering flying through Bangkok.

Asked about the Japanese restrictions, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said measures by any country "need to be science-based and proportionate without affecting normal people-to-people exchange."

Neysun Mahboubi, who researches China at the University of Pennsylvania, said other countries were bound to be cautious in welcoming travelers from China given its lack of transparency about the status of the pandemic.

While China has reported implausibly low death tolls from the surge of cases, residents have raised concern about widespread infections and a health-care system bursting at the seams. An investigation by The Washington Post found that communities in China are struggling to deal with the wave of infections.

"But any restrictions on Chinese travelers should be temporary and tied directly to scientific factors, including the transparency of public health information from China," Mahboubi said in an email. "The world does not need (and can ill afford) a return to the paranoia and geopolitical finger-pointing with which the pandemic was met, initially."

Despite his institute's high projections, Mokdad said he doesn't believe new travel restrictions are warranted, particularly given that omicron subvariants are already circulating widely around the world.

"What is circulating now in China is already in the United States," Mokdad said. "A Chinese guy coming with omicron is not going to harm me at all."

Ben Cowling, a British epidemiologist at the University of Hong Kong, said travel restrictions would not keep out potential new strains of the coronavirus.

Testing inbound travelers, with the exception of those at a few tourist destinations, "does not have much impact on the domestic spread of infections because travelers only [make up] a small fraction of a population at any given time," he said in an email, adding that there was no epidemiological rationale for travel restrictions at this stage of the pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, China has required strict quarantine for inbound travelers, creating a massive disincentive for its population of more than 1.4 billion people to leave its borders. That has left many popular destinations devoid of the throngs of Chinese travelers commonplace before the pandemic. Chinese tourists made 155 million outbound trips in 2019, according to state media, up 3.3 percent from the year before.

In the Grand Hirafu village in Hokkaido, the streets were bustling with tourists from the United States, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong. Mai Tanaka, an employee at a ski and snowboard shop, said business was already booming without Chinese tourists.

The potential for 1 million or more deaths in China does not surprise U.S. public health experts, who anticipated a dangerous scenario when China adopted its zero-covid policies.

"With such an extraordinarily infectious variant, there's no way you are going to avoid it. All you can do is limit its impact," said Alfred Sommer, former dean of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who has been instrumental in combating viruses as varied as flu and smallpox.

Unlike the SARS outbreak of two decades, when that more deadly but less contagious virus could be contained, battling the current variants involves building up herd immunity through vaccination and natural infection.

With China's vaccines offering limited immunity for a short period of time and a disease that spreads asymptomatically, the smart approach, Sommer said, would have been to roll out an aggressive vaccine campaign using messenger RNA products to protect as many people as possible from severe disease.

"People are going to get sick. Some people are going to die. That's true," Sommer said. "But you've gotta live."

Mokdad emphasized the need to work together to combat health threats, recalling efforts made to help India during the outbreak sparked by the delta variant.

"Instead of imposing measures on China, we should be helping China," Mokdad said.

So far, Chinese officials have declined U.S. offers of resources, including vaccines.

Niha Masih in Seoul and Fenit Nirappil in Washington contributed to this report.

Outbreak overwhelms health-care systems in major cities, analyst says

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Patients receive medical attention in a "fever clinic" area at a hospital in Shanghai last week. To see some of the videos that were part of an analysis by The Washington Post, go to wapo.st/ChinaCovid.

Most at risk: The elderly

Footage recorded at Tianjin Medical University Hospital and posted on Douyin — a Chinese video platform owned by TikTok parent company ByteDance — revealed the current strain on medical facilities. Patients, many of them elderly, were seen resting on gurneys or cots in crowded lobbies or near elevators and other public areas. Family members appeared to hover nearby — proximity certain to help spread the virus.

"It's clear that [in] those major cities, the health-care system is overwhelmed because of the rapid increase of the cases, especially [among] the elderly," said Yanzhong Huang, a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations, who reviewed the video for The Post. Only about 40 percent of people ages 80 and older in China have received a coronavirus booster shot.

The viral tsunami hit northern cities fastest and hardest. Beijing's health authorities said on Dec. 11 that 22,000 people daily were visiting "fever clinics," 16 times more than the previous week.

A video posted to Douyin on Dec. 21 showed many elderly patients seeking care at Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital. "The emergency room is extremely crowded," wrote a woman who said she had brought her mother for care a day earlier.

"Wherever I went, wherever I looked, there were younger senior citizens accompanying those even older," the woman noted. "Everyone must please take care of the elderly around you."

The country's most populous city is suffering a similar outbreak. Shanghai Neuromedical Center posted — then quickly deleted — a WeChat article estimating that 7 million residents were already infected and that half of the city's 25 million people would be infected by the end of this week.

Shanghai's draconian lockdown in March and April traumatized locals and shocked the rest of the country. The municipal government, determined to avoid a replay of acutely sick people stuck at home without medical care, has been directing patients to 2,600 designated fever clinics across the city.

State media reported Friday that the emergency department of the Zhongshan Hospital, one of the most prominent in China, was handling about 1,000 patients a day, up from 700 to 800 at the same time last year.

Inside the ER, video taken last week by a journalist for The Post showed patients crammed in hallway after hallway — on gurneys, cots and even folding chairs probably brought from home. Relatives crouched by their sides, leaving barely enough room for others to walk.

Videos and social media posts also suggested some children's facilities are unusually busy, especially with parents bringing in young babies despite officials' assurances that infants are at lower risk than other vulnerable groups. A popular video blogger's announcement on Dec. 20 that his 2-year-old daughter died of encephalitis caused by a coronavirus fever was discussed widely online, although authorities never confirmed any connection publicly.

Illness among the young could be exacerbated by other respiratory viruses, including the combination of flu and RSV that has hit children in the United States hard, noted Justin Lessler, a professor of epidemiology at the University of North Carolina.

"There are few, if any, places in the world where the health system would not be severely taxed by a large epidemic of severe respiratory infections in children," said Lessler, who also reviewed footage that was part of The Post's analysis.

Video posted by one father in the southern city of Guangzhou showed weary family members waiting with little ones in the hallways of Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Center. The man explained that he had been there 10 hours.

Hospitals with too few doctors and nurses

The National Health Commission recently advised hospitals to rehire retired health-care workers to help deal with exploding numbers of covid cases — as well as to fill in for doctors and nurses who have themselves become infected.

Nearly 1,000 staff were called back to front-line positions in Guangzhou, according to local reports. Doctors and nurses were being redeployed from smaller cities to Beijing, where officials have converted sports stadiums previously used as centralized quarantine centers to serve as temporary emergency wards.

In Nanjing, about 190 miles west of Shanghai, the Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital reported that half of its doctors and even more nurses were on sick leave because of covid. Visitors posted videos of an empty entrance foyer with signs saying that most counters were temporarily closed.

The pressures continue to increase. In eastern China, the Wenzhou Medical University Second Affiliated Hospital said in a statement that one of its pharmacists had fainted from fatigue while on the job at 4 a.m.

Triaging medical resources will be a challenge in a country that for decades has tried, with limited success, to keep medicines, equipment and health-care professionals from being concentrated only in large hospitals in major cities. Though well-known facilities are in theory best equipped to handle critical cases, they often end up overrun and their staff exhausted.

In Shenzhen, China's third-most-populous city, many people have been desperate to see a doctor. One video posted to Douyin on Dec. 19 showed a line stretching around the block at Longhua People's Hospital. Wait times have extended to more than half a day, according to videos and pictures from the scene confirmed by patients and verified by The Post.

When Zhou Zedong, 28, arrived there late the next night, he was warned about a 20-hour wait. Shortly before midnight, he went home with plans to come back the next morning — only to discover upon his return that he'd missed his number being called and would have to start the process again.

"It makes me angry," said Zhou, who diverted to a traditional Chinese medicine clinic and asked family members to send medicines that were sold out at many pharmacies in Shenzhen. "It's not the level of medical care that a first-tier city should have."

Suddenly, a country of 'zero negative'

The government's contradictory messaging has intensified public unease. For nearly three years, authorities justified harsh lockdowns as necessary to save every life possible. Anger over the "zero covid" policies erupted publicly in November with a week of defiant protests in at least a dozen cities.

Then, almost overnight, everything changed. Required testing and centralized quarantine were jettisoned. And just as international health experts had predicted, a country with very limited immunity succumbed quickly to the virus. Some Chinese joke that the government's new policy is "zero negative" because everyone is infected.

Jonathan Chen, 21, a medical school student, visited the University of Hong Kong's Shenzhen Hospital on Tuesday after testing positive and spiking a fever. He waited for eight hours to see a doctor and now wonders whether "zero covid" should have been phased out gradually.

"I used to hope the government would open up as soon as possible," Chen said. He's no longer sure that was the smartest move.

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Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is 'very sick,' Francis calls for prayers

BY CHICO HARLAN AND STEFANO PITRELLI

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis said his predecessor, Benedict XVI, was "very sick," and the Vatican said the 95-year-old's health had "worsened," putting the Catholic Church on watch about one of its most towering conservative figures.

"I ask to all of you for a special prayer for Pope Emeritus Benedict," Francis told pilgrims at his general audience Wednesday, asking God to console and sustain Benedict "until the end."

The Vatican, in its statement, said the situation "at the moment remains under control, and is constantly followed by the doctors."

The comments appeared to mark a worrying turning point for Benedict, who has been frail but sharp-minded for years and who has now been a former pope for a longer period than he served as pope.

One close friend to Benedict, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to talk candidly about a delicate subject, said the retired pontiff had become weaker since before Christmas but did not have information about his health in the most recent hours.

"Of course, time is not on his side," the friend said. "Some concerns are surely there."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in June 2020.

After Francis's general audience, he visited Benedict at a convent inside the Vatican's ancient walls. The Vatican statement said, "We join [Francis] in prayer for the Pope Emeritus."

Throughout Wednesday, Catholics shared thoughts of concern, with a round of cardinals echoing Francis's calls for prayer.

"Everyone in America is keeping Pope Emeritus Benedict in our prayers," the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, Joe Donnelly, was quoted by the embassy as saying.

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, encouraged prayer from "all Catholics & folks of good will."

"He served our Church in many roles — priest, scholar, diocesan bishop, curial official, & Pontiff. May Christ reward him for his loving service," Gregory wrote on Twitter.

In photos the Vatican has published of Benedict — including on Aug. 27, after a ceremony to name new cardinals — he appeared gaunt and hunched. But friends have said he remained clear-minded.

Benedict's longtime aide, Archbishop Georg Gänswein, did not respond to a request for comment.

In 2013, Benedict became the first pope in six centuries to step down from the job. Given that he had cited "deteriorated" strength as a factor in his abdication, he has had a long final chapter in retirement. In 2018, he told the Corriere della Sera, an Italian daily, that he was "on a pilgrimage toward Home."

He had pledged in retirement to take up a life of seclusion — reading, writing, going on walks in a stately garden. But his life behind closed doors has ended up being quite complicated — and complicating for the church.

He opted in retirement to wear papal white and chose not to revert to his given name, Joseph Ratzinger. He was embraced as a symbol by a small but vocal band of traditionalists who say Francis is leading the church astray. Though Benedict often stayed quiet on controversial matters, he intervened several times, including once to contradict Francis's ideas on the nature of clerical abuse and later in objection to floated exceptions on priestly celibacy.

At the same time, he stated clearly that there is only one top authority figure in the church. "There is one pope, he is Francis," Benedict said in one interview.

Francis and Benedict have had a publicly warm relationship, and the current pontiff regularly quotes his predecessor and cites him in admiring terms. But their stylistic and policy differences have fostered years of intrigue about their relationship, while also inspiring a Netflix movie.

On one point — the issue of resignation — Francis has described Benedict as a clear-eyed trendsetter. He has said that Benedict's decision "should not be considered an exception," and that Benedict had "opened a door" for other pontiffs to follow suit. Many church watchers have speculated that Francis would be reluctant to step down, even if in bad health, if Benedict remained alive, given the headaches that would arise for a church with two former popes. But Benedict's death could eventually allow Francis, 86, to consider stepping down.

Benedict became one of the church's leading theologians by holding an orthodox line, leading the campaign — first as a cardinal, then as pope — to resist changes brought on by outside forces. His view was that if the church tried to bend with the whims of modern times, its teachings would weaken.

His tenure as pope coincided with the escalation of one of its foremost crises — a wave of clerical abuse cases. And while Benedict went further than his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, defrocking hundreds of priests, he was slow to grasp the systemic nature of the issue.

More recently, his reputation suffered from a church-commissioned German investigation, accusing Benedict of "wrongdoing" in his handling of several cases during his time running the archdiocese of Munich.

Russia keeps up fight for eastern Ukrainian land already in ruins

Cycles of conquest and liberation since 2014 have left little beyond destruction across Donbas region

PHOTOS BY HEIDI LEVINE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Tamara Klimashenko, 61, and her husband Anatoly Klimashenko, 62, visit their damaged home in Lyman in the Donetsk region of Ukraine on Dec. 18. Lyman was seized in May by Russian forces, which occupied it until Ukrainian forces retook the city in the fall.

BY JEFF STEIN AND IEVGENIIA SIVORKA

LYMAN, UKRAINE — Tamara Klimashenko stood in what was once her cherished flower garden and pulled out her phone to show photos of the peonies, petunias and chamomiles that once covered this patch of dirt now littered with shrapnel.

Her husband, Anatoly Klimashenko, pointed to where the shells exploded: one near the cabbage patch; another where the strawberries grew; yet another on the garage he built.

Lyman was the site of fierce fighting in May, when Russian forces seized the city, and in the summer. The Russians occupied Lyman until Oct. 1, when they fled a fast-advancing Ukrainian counteroffensive.

But even amid the wreckage of their home — with the walls blown out and wood planks hanging from the ceiling — the Klimashenkos said they feared an even worse fate: another Russian invasion, potentially their third in eight years, as President Vladimir Putin's self-assigned "main goal" of "liberating all of Donbas" yet again puts their city in the Kremlin's crosshairs.

"They're going to bring more destruction," said Anatoly, 62. "And already there is nothing left to destroy."

Like many others here, the Klimashenkos for about six months have slept in an underground storage unit to avoid the shelling, and now subsist on humanitarian assistance brought by Western aid groups.

Putin's insistence that the war will continue until his objectives are met means that the fight for Lyman — or what's left of it — isn't over. The Russian president has doubled down on his illegal annexation claims in recent days, insisting that people like the Klimashenkos and their neighbors are now Russian citizens, who must be liberated from the Ukrainians who liberated them from the Russians in September.

This destructive, and seemingly pointless, cycle of conquest and liberation has been underway for nearly nine years — ever since the Kremlin began fomenting a separatist war with false claims that Russian-speaking Ukrainians were under threat from the pro-Western, prodemocracy protesters who rose up in fury after President Viktor Yanukovych, under pressure from Putin, broke a promise to sign expansive political and economic agreements with the European Union.

Lyman and many small cities, towns and villages nearby now lie in ruins.

In Lyman and nearby Yampil, entire neighborhoods have already been leveled, with the tops of apartment buildings blown off by shells, massive craters left next to children's playgrounds, and just a few dozen elderly people left and scarred from ceaseless shelling.

A visit to the town of Dolyna, formerly home to 21,000 people, found no inhabitants at all — only the sound of wind rustling against corrugated metal.

The majority of residents, save the most desperate and destitute, have fled — east for those who support Russia, west for those loyal to Ukraine. Years of war have both left the area a wasteland and also hardened its people against the Kremlin, making a mockery of Russian claims that their forces would be welcomed with open arms.

Putin falsely accuses Kyiv and its Western supporters of carrying out a genocide in Donbas, the wider territory that encompasses the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Ukraine's Western supporters have imposed unprecedented sanctions aiming to punish Russia for invading and trying to annex Donbas, along with the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, in violation of international law.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has pledged to reclaim all of the occupied lands. But an equally likely fate for these fought-over territories is the devastation visible in and around Lyman.

Larisa, 62, of Lyman, recalled counting as many as 200 shells exploding per day when she and nine neighbors were trapped in a basement between Russian and Ukrainian lines for five weeks in the early fall, in a suburban part of the city that used to be part of a resort destination.

One shell directly struck the kindly 70-year-old amateur beekeeper across the street, nicknamed Mikhalych, as he went to feed the stray dogs in the neighborhood. His body lay in the street, giving off a stench that his neighbors could do nothing about for five days because of the bombardment.

"It's hell, Armageddon, and we've already lived through it," said Larisa, who asked to be identified by her first name for fear of reprisal. As she spoke, she stepped around shattered glass, a child's pair of goggles and a discarded Coca-Cola bottle. "Is this being liberated?"

Before she found her son's body six days after his death, and before shrapnel shattered her walls and forced her to live for seven months in a basement, Tamara Kovalenko, 65, said she did not care much if her city was controlled by Russia or Ukraine — but that's no longer the case.

"I've changed my views completely," Kovalenko said, as she picked up a bag of donated food from a United Nations distribution point in the center of town. "In 2014, I didn't hate the Russians." With her aid package, Kovalenko returned to a home with no electricity, heat or running water.

Artillery shells exploded in the distance roughly every 30 seconds, and machine gun fire erupted every few minutes from the front lines about six miles away.

"Now, we are so afraid of them coming back that we try not to think about it, not to even imagine it," she said. "We are just terrified."

After Russian proxies seized control of parts of Donbas in 2014, the pro-Kremlin authorities banned the Ukrainian language from being taught in schools and introduced the ruble as the official currency, according to Sergei Anatolyevich Garmash, a journalist and Ukrainian politician who was part of the failed negotiations to implement the Minsk II peace accords, a 2015 cease-fire agreement.

Lubov Gazhla, 62, wears a headlamp as she sits on the bed in the tiny room where she has been living in the basement of her building in Lyman since shelling destroyed the staircase to her apartment.

Combining the gains after 2014 with this year's invasion, the Kremlin has taken control of roughly 75 percent of Donbas, according to Paul D'Anieri, a professor who studies Eastern European politics at the University of California at Riverside.

Capturing the city of Bakhmut, where heavy fighting is now taking place, would give Russia yet another foothold in its push to seize of all of Donbas, D'Anieri said.

And yet, many experts say, Putin's repeated attempts to seize the territory have led to a surge in pro-Ukrainian sentiment. Studies conducted in 2014 and 2022 found that the region grew significantly more pro-Ukrainian in the aftermath of Putin's invasions, D'Anieri said.

Even many who might have been inclined to welcome Russian troops now seem too exhausted to care.

Since shelling destroyed the staircase to her apartment nine months ago, Lubov Gazhla, 62, has lived in a sordid storage closet underground, down a narrow maze of rusted pipes and exposed brick. A critic of the Ukrainian and Western governments, she expressed pride in her Russian roots and serenaded reporters with part of the epic poem "Ruslan and Ludmila," by the Russian writer Alexander Pushkin.

Source: Institute for the Study of War THE WASHINGTON POST

But Gazhla said that — above all else — she wants the fighting to stop.

"I don't care if we're ruled by the Africans at this point," Gazhla said, showing reporters the small tin can she has used to go to the bathroom for the past nine months. "Who can live like this?"

In a ceremony at the Kremlin on Tuesday, Putin presented awards to the new governors appointed to lead the four regions of Ukraine he has claimed, illegally, to have annexed, including Luhansk and Donetsk.

But in some parts of Donbas, there is almost nobody for them to govern.

Several towns in Donbas with a few thousand people — Toshkivka, Novotoshkivske, Bilohorivka, Makiivka — have been entirely or almost entirely depopulated, according to Serhiy Haidai, the exiled governor of Luhansk, which is now almost entirely under Russian control.

In other cities in Donbas, where the population has been halved or reduced even further, the critical infrastructure is decimated. Across the region, almost every school has been destroyed by shelling, according to Haidai. The gas pipes in most cities are also "completely destroyed."

In the city of Kreminna, close to the front lines, the water systems are demolished. In parts of Luhansk, residents of bombed-out buildings gather logs to heat their homes and shower in tents using outdoor buckets, Haidai said.

In Donetsk, Bakhmut has been annihilated by months of grueling warfare.

Many of the people remaining in the western cities of Donbas say life has improved a bit since Russians were forced to fall back in September and October. Western aid has begun arriving daily, providing a baseline of food and medical supplies.

Repairs have started on a handful of shattered roofs. In Yampil, the Bon Appetite convenience store reopened two weeks ago — the only open store in town — after being closed throughout the occupation.

But progress has been slow, and scars from Putin's invasion remain ever-present.

In Lyman, Zoya Konstantinovna, 67, cried into a cloth as she described how missile fire tore into her former home, before showing reporters the sealed sack of water that she uses daily as her shower even now, more than three months after Ukrainian forces retook the city.

Roughly two dozen of the hundreds of people who once lived in her apartment complex now spend most of their days in the below-ground bunker, with the shelling still too present a danger to sleep elsewhere.

"We are like rats who live underground," Konstantinovna said. "Politics — all that is very far from us. All I want is peace and health. We just want to not live like this anymore."

Having already lived through two occupations, Victoria Svichinskaya said she goes home every night and listens to news from the front lines until her phone dies.

Russian soldiers turned her home into a military barracks for five months when Lyman was occupied. They looted her stove, ripped out a toilet seat and demolished a section of her home.

Formerly the owner of two clothing stores since destroyed by the invasion, she stood recently at an open-air market across from two homes ruined by shelling, trying to sell a few dozen cans of Hell Energy, a soft drink, and sealed cases of kielbasa.

"The next time, if they come back," Svichinskaya said, "they're going to take our lives."

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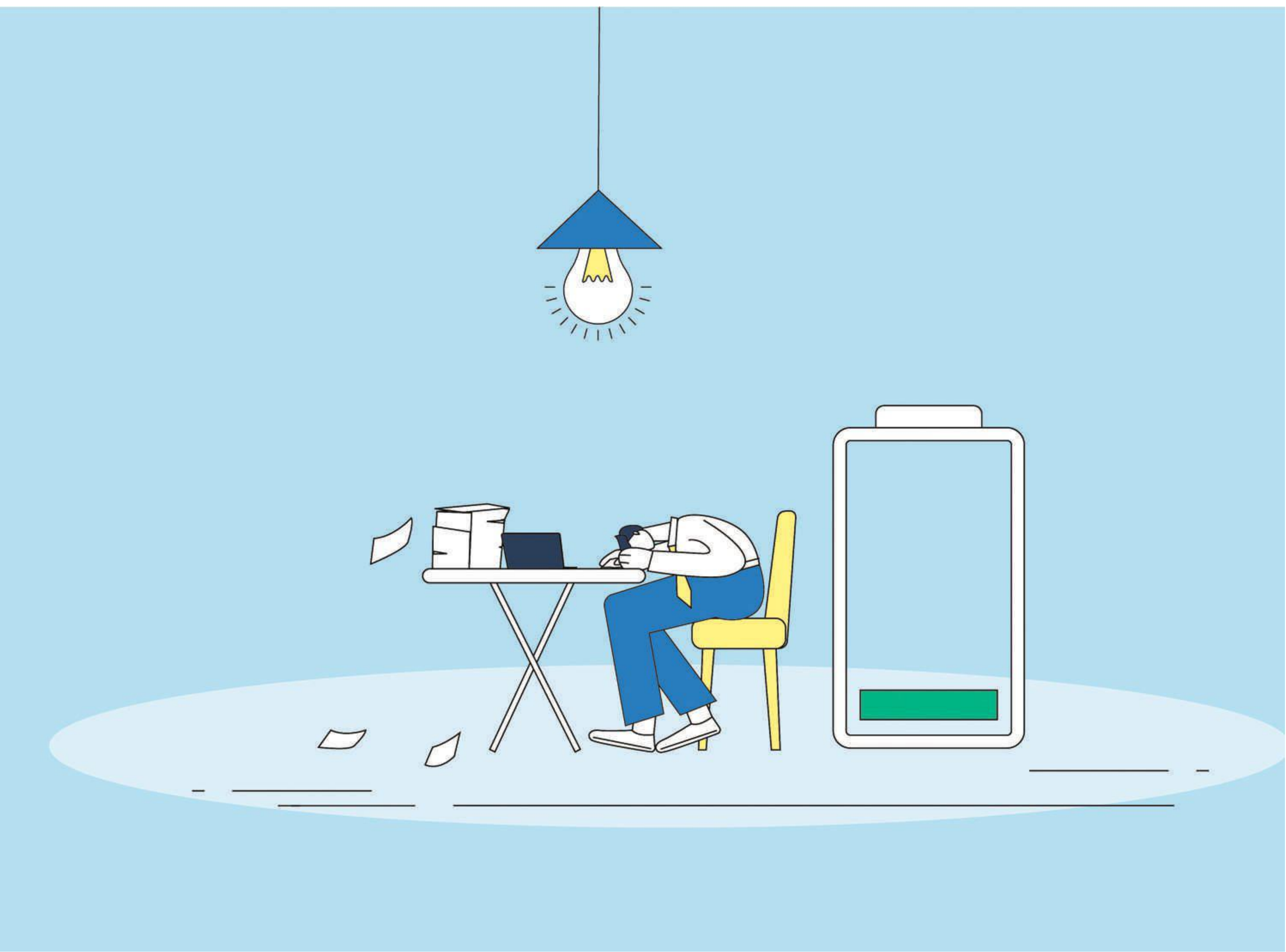

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How workplaces changed this year in five phrases

The rise of terms like quiet quitting and productivity paranoia underscores trends that dominated office conversations in 2022

BY TAYLOR TELFORD

In 2022, the battle over workplace culture ushered in a new vocabulary, as workers flexed their might in the tightest labor market in years and employers grappled with changes brought on by the pandemic.

Employees and employers were embroiled in conflict over the future of work as tensions over masks and vaccinations gave way to a tug-of-war over offices, remote work and hybrid schedules. Engagement and productivity slumped. Burnout and quits soared.

In the new landscape, a steady cadence of terms bubbled up to describe how work was evolving, according to Daniel Zhao, lead economist at Glassdoor, an online career platform.

"We've spent the year trying to come up with these new phrases and terminology to understand what's going on," Zhao said.

Here's a guide to a few of the terms and trends that dominated the conversation around work this year.

Return to office

Return to office — known as RTO on countless job sites and work forums — was selected by Glassdoor as its word of the year, because it encapsulates the churn and change that has followed, Zhao said.

It first surfaced to describe corporate mandates trotted out as companies sought to bring employees back after years of remote work. Executives such Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase and David Solomon of Goldman Sachs have publicly paraded return to office as the only acceptable solution, arguing that remote work enables procrastination and lower commitment. Some, like Elon Musk, used tough back-to-office policies as ultimatums for their workforces.

But strict RTO plans have been met with backlash from employees in the form of protests and widespread turnover. Mentions of RTO in U.S.-based employee reviews on Glassdoor more than doubled from 2021 to 2022, Zhao said, and they're overwhelmingly negative.

"By and large, they're saying they don't want to return to the office and they enjoy the flexibility," Zhao said. "Even in the reviews that are more neutral or mixed, they're talking about how RTO has been rocky."

Quiet quitting

Quiet quitting is a new term for an old idea, that of employee disengagement.

It's a bit of a misnomer, because quiet quitters aren't walking away from their jobs. Instead, they're renouncing hustle culture, quitting "the idea of going above and beyond at work," as TikTok user zaidleppelin said in a July post that helped popularize the phrase. The trend has resonated strongly with Gen Z and millennial workers fighting to rewrite the rules of the workplace.

Some workers define it as doing the bare minimum. Others frame it as setting reasonable boundaries and saying no to staying late or being endlessly reachable on email or Slack.

One of the most critical factors in quiet quitting is whether employees feel like they have good work-life balance, according to Benjamin Granger, chief workplace psychologist at Qualtrics, a survey-software provider. Employees who say they feel overloaded are more likely to put up boundaries and say, "I'm going to take my foot off the gas," Granger said.

Whatever the definition, the goal is the same: untangling employees' identities from their jobs and leaving them with more time and energy to invest elsewhere.

Productivity paranoia

As hybrid work became the norm, and bosses found themselves under increasing pressure to boost performance with a possible recession threatening the economy, there's been a steady flow of executives such as Google's Sundar Pichai and Meta's Mark Zuckerberg pledging to boost productivity, calling out low performers and asking their workers to do more.

They had some reason to worry: In the first half of 2022, productivity plunged by the sharpest rate on record going back to 1947, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The plunge was perplexing to some because productivity took off to levels not seen in decades when the coronavirus forced an overnight switch to remote work, leading some economists to suggest that the pandemic might spark longer-term growth. The opposite happened.

Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella said his company coined the term "productivity paranoia" to describe employers' anxieties about whether their employees are working hard enough, especially when they're out of the office.

"When we talk to leaders, they're missing the old cues, the visibility of being able to walk down the hall and check in on people and see and understand what they're working on," said Colette Stallbaumer, general manager of Microsoft 365 and the company's future of work efforts.

Productivity paranoia can breed bad behaviors among bosses, Stallbaumer said, whether it's the introduction of workplace surveillance tools or pushing stringent back-to-office policies that leave employees feeling alienated.

Boomerang employees

As the pandemic led employees to reconsider how work fits into their lives, the strength of the labor market gave workers leverage to pursue new options. Roughly 48 million workers left their jobs in 2021, in what became known as the Great Resignation.

But some workers left positions only to discover that the grass isn't always greener on the other side. In the past, some employers were reluctant to rehire workers that left for other opportunities, but this time, the tight labor market has prompted companies to rethink things. Boomerang employees, as they're called, have been a key resource for firms amid the war for talent: They require minimal training and get back up to speed quickly.

Boomerang employees made up nearly a third of hires from outside a company from January 2019 to April 2022, according to data from Visier, a workforce analytics company. The average returning employee was rehired within about 13 months. And boomerang employees earn 25 percent more, on average, upon return than they did when they resigned.

Career cushioning

As recession fears began to grow toward the end of the year, layoff announcements rippled through the tech industry and beyond, with companies such as Meta, Snap and Goldman Sachs slashing thousands of positions. Employment experts say it could be a sign the pendulum of power is swinging back toward employers heading into 2023.

With storm clouds gathering in the labor market, employees are keeping their options open. Enter "career cushioning," which borrows some terminology from the dating sphere, where "cushioning" describes someone who's exploring a plan B in case their relationship doesn't work out.

Career cushioning can mean preparing for a possible change by beefing up skills or networking, or it can mean actively pursuing other opportunities. The phrase has gained popularity on social media and among HR professionals as a wave of employees and would-be job seekers prepare for more disruption.

As the labor market has cooled slightly, LinkedIn has seen evidence that workers are bracing "for whatever head winds are next in the economy," according to Blair Heitmann, a career expert with the job platform. Some people are working longer hours, thinking about taking a second job or looking for more stable opportunities.

"Our data is showing us that more people are looking for jobs, that people are getting prepared," Heitmann said. "It's a bit of a mind-set shift when you juxtapose that with the last few years. The power paradigm is shifting a bit."

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Google, YouTube face child privacy lawsuit

A U.S. appeals court on Wednesday revived a lawsuit accusing Alphabet's Google and several other companies of violating the privacy of children under 13 by tracking their YouTube activity without parental consent to send them targeted advertising.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Seattle said Congress did not intend to preempt state law-based privacy claims by adopting the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

That law gives the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general, but not private plaintiffs, authority to regulate the online personal data about children under age 13.

The lawsuit alleged that Google's data collection violated similar state laws, and that YouTube content providers such as Hasbro, Mattel, the Cartoon Network and DreamWorks Animation lured children to their channels, knowing that they would be tracked.

In July 2021, U.S. District Judge Beth Labson Freeman in San Francisco dismissed the lawsuit, saying the privacy law preempted the plaintiffs' claims under some state laws.

In Wednesday's 3-0 decision, Circuit Judge Margaret McKeown said the federal law's wording made it "nonsensical" to assume Congress intended to bar the plaintiffs from invoking state laws targeting the same alleged misconduct.

— Bloomberg News

OIL INDUSTRY

Exxon sues E.U. over new windfall tax

ExxonMobil is suing the European Union in a push to eliminate a new windfall tax against oil groups, arguing the bloc does not have legal authority to impose the levy.

The lawsuit is a major response to the tax from the oil industry that has reaped record profits this year as western governments have sought to bring down skyrocketing consumer energy bills following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The action could jeopardize the tax, which would raise billions to bring down energy costs.

Exxon said the lawsuit was filed Wednesday by its Dutch and German subsidiaries at the E.U.'s General Court in Luxembourg.

Exxon chief financial officer Kathy Mikells told investors recently the windfall taxes could cost the company at least $2 billion through the end of 2023.

— Bloomberg News

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A woman selling fish waits for customers at a market in Mumbai on Wednesday.

INVENTORS

Immigrants more innovative, study says

Immigrant inventors in the United States are "substantially" more productive than native-born scientists, according to a paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research.

About 36 percent of the innovative output of the past three decades can be attributed to immigrants — who make up 16 percent of the country's inventors, the paper concludes. Foreign-born inventors are directly behind almost a quarter of all patents, and their work indirectly contributes to findings by U.S.-born scientists.

"Over a third of U.S. innovation can be attributed to this source, highlighting the importance of diversity, of combining inventors with different knowledge and backgrounds to push the innovation frontier," according to the authors led by Shai Bernstein, a Harvard Business School economist.

The metrics included the number of patents, patent citations and the economic value of patents since 1990.

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

U.S. pending home sales fell for a sixth month in November to the second-lowest on record as higher borrowing costs and an uncertain economic outlook kept many potential buyers out of the market. The National Association of Realtors index of contract signings to purchase previously owned homes fell 4 percent last month to 73.9, the lowest outside of the pandemic in data back to 2001, according to a release Wednesday. Contract signings were down nearly 39 percent in November from a year ago on an unadjusted basis. Pending sales fell in all four regions in the month, led by the Northeast and Midwest.

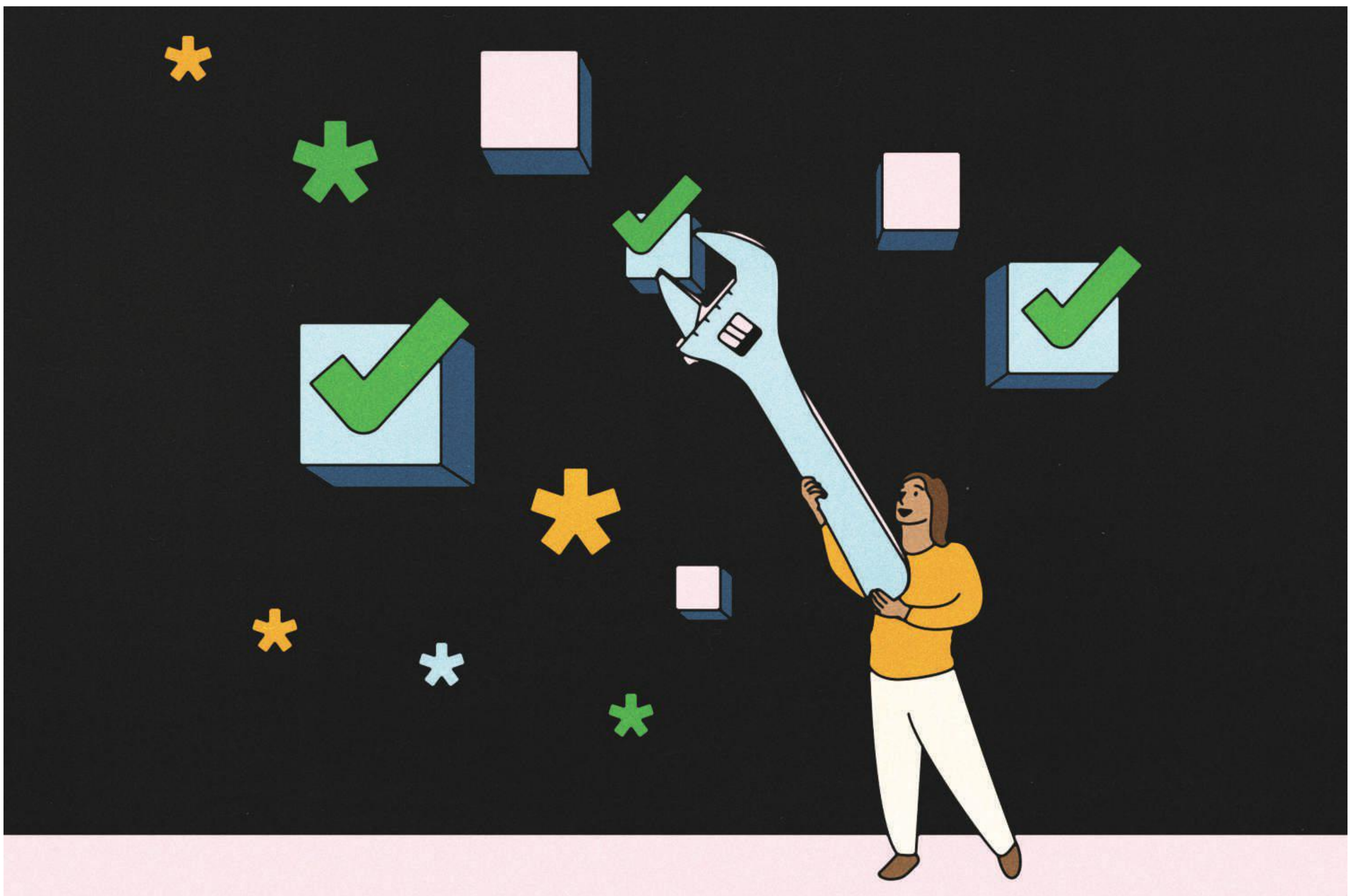
The largest U.S. natural gas producer saw production drop by as much as about 30 percent during the recent bout of extreme cold that caused disruptions for some wells in the Appalachian Basin. The drillers' daily output fell by between 1 billion and 1.5 billion cubic feet per day during the winter storm, EQT chief executive Toby Rice told Bloomberg, compared with third-quarter production equivalent to about 5 billion cubic feet a day.

— From wire reports

TECH IN YOUR LIFE

Six easy fixes you can do now to sidestep tech headaches in 2023

BY HEATHER KELLY



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Every one of us will run into an unexpected tech issue in the new year. It might be a minor glitch, a life-altering hack or literally any printer. There are, however, a few things we can do now to make existing online in 2023 a little less stressful.

For the past year, our Help Desk team has reviewed thousands of your technology questions, big and small. You were locked out of hacked Facebook accounts, struggled with nonstop scams, and wondered how to save money on everything from streaming to your internet.

Based on all our reader emails, calls and comments, here are our big takeaways of things that could have prevented some of the most vexing issues.

We're also excited to dig into whatever tech problems you need help with next, just drop us a line at *yourhelpdesk@washpost.com.*

1. Lower your chances of getting hacked and scammed

The most common issues we heard this year were about being tricked. Whether it was by hackers taking over Facebook accounts or scammers asking for money on the phone. There's no one easy fix to avoid these situations — hackers and scammers work nonstop to adapt and find new weak points — but you can do a few things to make it less likely.

Turn on multi-factor authentication for online accounts, especially all social media and anything that involves financial transactions.

Do some password maintenance by updating any that may have been compromised and changing reused passwords. Set up a password manager or get a notebook started.

Brush up on the signs something is a scam and stay on top of the latest scam trends.

2. Prepare for your death

Nobody wants to start a new year thinking it might be their last. But making sure that your photos and accounts can be accessed should the worst happen will mean everything to your family. It's also fairly easy and quick!

Add legacy contacts for Apple, Google, Facebook and any password managers.

If you've done this in the past, make sure all the names are still current and people you trust. If you have a will, add instructions for your digital legacy.

3. Prepare for the death of your devices

You should also be ready for any worst-case scenarios involving your phone or computer, and find ways to extend their lives.

Turn on automatic backups for all devices and make sure you have systems for important things like your photos and text messages.

Make sure your devices are password protected and that tracking is turned off in case they are stolen.

Don't just get rid of your old smartphone when something new comes out. Find out if you really need that new phone or if there's some life in your existing one — a new battery goes a long way.

If you are getting rid of an old device, make sure you're disposing of any hardware in the most ethical way possible.

4. Have the big tech talks with your kids

Being a parent of a child in the smartphone age can be a minefield, and there's no one-fits-all path for each family. However, there are some things you can start doing now to make the process smoother for everyone involved. Even if you don't give them access to a phone yet, they will find ways to access the internet. You want to be the first to tell them what's out there, not the last.

Start working the big topics into every day conversations: online etiquette, talking to strangers online, bullying, the dangers of sexting and even pornography.

Give them the basics on how to spot misinformation (a good refresher for people of all ages).

Talk to teens about mental health content and what to listen to, and be wary of, on TikTok and Instagram.

5. Set up older family members for success

If you're the go-to tech support for other family members, you may be especially in demand after the holidays when they've received new gadgets. If you're together, this is the best time to run through the basics and make sure the coming year is smooth. Maybe fit in a little talk about their screen time habits.

A checklist of things to do for your family members should include updating the software on all of their devices and making sure their passwords are also in order.

Find a local tech support option, like a computer store that makes house calls and set up an account.

Set up screen sharing options for their devices so if you're far away, you can still do some troubleshooting.

6. Lock down your privacy online

Protecting our online privacy is, unfortunately, a never ending job. We are constantly at odds with tech companies that profit off collecting and selling our data, and reining it in means constantly checking settings and remembering best practices. Here's what you can do to start the year sharing as little as possible.

Remove your personal information from Google searches with new tools the company added in the past year.

Opt out of data brokers, learn how to read a privacy policy, and exercise any extra privacy rights you have depending where you live.

THE MARKETS

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DOW JONES

Close **32,875.71**
1D % Change **-1.1%**
YTD % Change **-9.5%**

NASDAQ COMPOSITE INDEX

Close **10,213.29**
1D % Change **-1.4%**
YTD % Change **-34.7%**

STANDARD & POOR'S

Close **3,783.22**
1D % Change **-1.2%**
YTD % Change **-20.6%**

Dow Jones 30 Industrials

Company	Close	1D % Chg	Chg % YTD	Company	Close	1D % Chg	Chg % YTD
3M Co	118.29	-1.6	-33.4	J&J	176.66	-0.4	3.3
AmerExpCo	144.01	-1.6	-12.0	JPMorgan	132.46	0.5	-16.3
Amgen Inc	261.42	-0.7	16.2	McDonald's	265.11	-0.6	-1.1
Apple Inc	126.04	-3.1	-29.0	Merck & Co	111.08	-0.9	44.9
Boeing	188.38	-0.5	-6.4	Microsoft	234.53	-1.0	-30.3
Caterpillr	239.38	-1.5	15.8	NIKE Inc	114.98	-2.2	-31.0
Chevron	176.98	-1.5	50.8	Prcter& Gmbl	151.96	-1.3	-7.1
Cisco Sys	47.07	-1.0	-25.7	Salesforce	128.47	-1.7	-49.4
Coca-Cola	63.57	-1.0	7.4	Travelers Cos I	188.13	-1.2	20.3
Dow Inc	49.99	-2.3	-11.9	UntdHlthGr	528.45	-0.7	5.2
Gldman Schs	340.87	-0.3	-10.9	Verzn Comm	38.81	-1.1	-25.3
Hnywll Int	212.19	-1.3	1.8	Visa Inc	204.99	-0.6	-5.4
Home Depot	315.73	-1.2	-23.9	Walgreens	37.58	-1.9	-28.0
IBM	140.02	-1.7	4.8	Walmart	141.29	-1.8	-2.3
Intel Corp	25.54	-1.5	-50.4	Walt Disney	84.17	-2.5	-45.7

COMMODITIES

Futures	Close	1D % Chg	Futures	Close	1D % Chg
Copper	3.84	0.1	Silver	23.84	-1.6
Crude Oil	78.96	-0.7	Sugar	20.16	-0.8
Gold	1815.80	-0.4	Soybean	15.14	1.7
Natural Gas	4.71	-10.8	Wheat	7.86	1.4
Orange Juice	2.02	-0.5	Corn	6.83	1.2

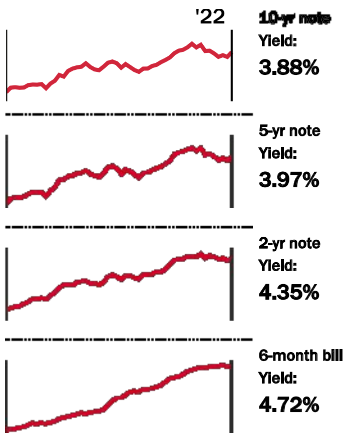
$1000 invested over 1 Year — $1000 invested over 1 Month

Exchange-Traded (Ticker)	1D % Chg
Coffee (COFF.L)	1.2
Copper (COPA.L)	1.2
Corn (CORN.L)	2.2
Cotton (COTN.L)	-2.6
Crude Oil (CRUD.L)	-0.5
Gasoline (UGAS.L)	1.3
Gold (BULL.L)	0.1
Natural Gas (NGAS.L)	-4.2
Silver (SLVR.L)	-0.6

Scale: $668 to $1388

RATES

Bank Prime **7.50%**	30-Yr Fixed mtge **6.57%**
Federal Funds **4.50%**	15-Yr Fixed mtge **5.93%**
LIBOR 3-Month **4.73%**	1-Yr ARM **5.51%**



Consumer Rates

Money Market Natl 0.33	5Yr CD Natl 2.76
6Mo CD Natl 1.82	New Car Loan Natl 6.53
1Yr CD Natl 2.35	Home Equity Loan Natl 8.61

Currency Exchange

EU €	Japan ¥	Britain £	Brazil R$	Canada $	Mexico $
0.94	134.46	0.83	5.26	1.36	19.43

INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKETS

Markets	Close	Daily % Chg
Americas (YTD % Chg -9.2% to +9.2%)		
BRAZIL IBOVESPA INDEX	110236.71	1.5
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX	19284.10	-1.1
S&P/BMV IPC	49648.21	-1.6
Europe (-12.4% to +12.4%)		
STXE 600 (EUR) Pr	427.46	-0.1
CAC 40 INDEX	6510.49	-0.6
DAX INDEX	13925.60	-0.5
FTSE 100 INDEX	7497.19	0.3
Asia Pacific (-21.7% to +21.7%)		
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	7086.41	-0.3
CSI 300 INDEX	3871.26	-0.4
HANG SENG INDEX	19898.91	1.6
NIKKEI 225	26340.50	-0.4

S&P 500 Industry Group Snapshot

Industry Group	Daily % Chg
Automobiles	2.0
Water Utilities	0.8
Commercial Banks	0.2
Health Care Technology	0.0
Multiline Retail	-0.3
Airlines	-3.2
Computers & Peripherals	-3.0
Metals & Mining	-2.5
Textiles & Apparel	-2.4
Energy Equipment & Svcs	-2.3

Chg % 1Yr: -65.6% to +65.6%

Gainers and Losers from the S&P 1500 Index

Company	Close	1D % Chg	Company	Close	1D % Chg
Coherus Biosciences	6.22	9.3	CONSOL Energy Inc	63.74	-11.0
Joint Corp/The	15.51	5.9	Antero Resources	30.78	-9.8
Generac Holdings Inc	96.24	5.6	Talos Energy Inc	18.11	-8.4
LendingTree Inc	18.79	4.9	EQT Corp	33.50	-7.8
Tesla Inc	112.71	3.3	Gannett Co Inc	1.91	-7.7
Cara Therapeutics	10.11	3.1	Warrior Met Coal Inc	33.76	-7.7
Cardiovascular Sys	13.35	3.1	WW International Inc	3.38	-7.4
Vericel Corp	24.24	3.0	Range Resources Corp	24.65	-7.1
FARO Technologies	28.81	2.8	AMC Networks Inc	14.48	-6.9
Arlo Technologies	3.54	2.6	Laredo Petroleum Inc	49.55	-6.5
Enhabit Inc	13.00	2.2	SM Energy Co	33.25	-6.4
Nektar Therapeutics	2.07	2.0	Ranger Oil Corp	38.76	-6.2
Zimvie Inc	8.50	1.9	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	16.25	-6.2
Rogers Corp	114.23	1.5	SouthwesternEnergyCo	5.77	-6.0
IAA Inc	39.52	1.4	GranitePointMtgeTrst	5.32	-6.0
Abercrombi & Ftch Co	22.36	1.4	SolarEdge Tech	275.84	-5.9
Varex Imaging Corp	20.17	1.4	Helix En Sol Grp	6.97	-5.9
Ligand Pharma	66.29	1.3	Callon Petroleum Co	34.55	-5.9
Anika Therapeutics	28.53	1.3	Nordstrom Inc	15.71	-5.8
MotorcarPartsofAmer	11.32	1.3	Veritiv Corp	120.88	-5.7

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Note: Bank prime is from 10 major banks. Federal Funds rate is the market rate, which can vary from the federal target rate. LIBOR is the London Interbank Offered Rate. Consumer rates are from Bankrate. All figures as of 4:30 p.m. New York time.

Internal memo highlighted staff shortages at Southwest

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home. Meanwhile, Southwest's troubles may have been foreshadowed in a Dec. 21 internal company memo that highlighted a worker shortage in Denver, where Southwest has significant operations and which was pounded by the storm.

The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association said Wednesday that the collapse of the airline's operations was avoidable, noting it has warned for years about the company's unwillingness to modernize its operations. Company officials acknowledge current problems stem, in part, from an inability of internal logistics and scheduling systems to recover after widespread storm disruptions.

"For more than a decade, leadership shortcomings in adapting, innovating, and safeguarding our operations have led to repeated system disruptions, countless disappointed passengers, and millions in lost profits," the union said in a statement.

The Transport Workers Union, whose Local 556 represents flight attendants at Southwest, likewise said on Twitter on Wednesday that the meltdown was avoidable and that the airline should have invested in passengers and workers, rather than paying dividends to shareholders.

Southwest declined to answer questions about its technology investments and didn't share new information about its recovery efforts Wednesday. Its scheduling system relies on manual reports that crew members give of their locations and available time remaining to work within a period.

The pilot union also said the airline was unprepared for the severity of last week's weather.

Southwest accounted for about 87 percent of Wednesday's flight cancellations by domestic airlines and about 98 percent of Thursday's grounded flights.

About 60 percent of Wednesday's scheduled Southwest flights were canceled, along with a similar proportion of flights that had been scheduled for Thursday, according to data from the tracking service FlightAware. Southwest's 2,509 cancellations Wednesday affected air travel across the country, with Chicago Midway International Airport, Dallas Love Field Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Marshall Airport seeing about 30 percent of outbound flights canceled.

The disruptions echo last year's turbulent Christmas and New Year's holiday period, during which a combination of bad weather and a wave of coronavirus cases prompted thousands of cancellations. But this time around, Southwest stands alone among airlines, prompting an inquiry by the Department of Transportation and the chair of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Company executives began sounding the alarm about staffing concerns in Denver on the day the storm was moving in. The carrier has cited the storm's effects in Denver and Chicago as factors in the service meltdown but also has said it was staffed to handle the holiday travel period.

Southwest's vice president for ground operations, Chris Johnson, declared a "state of operational emergency" because of an "unusually high number of absences" of Denver-based ramp employees, including workers of afternoon and evening shifts calling in sick and taking personal days, according to a Dec. 21 memo obtained by The Washington Post.

Ramp workers are crucial to keeping airline flight schedules running on time, helping planes park at gates and handling luggage. With Christmas approaching and a massive winter storm in the forecast, the company indicated it needed all available employees.

"We have an obligation to our Customers and to our fellow Employees to safely and efficiently run our operation," Johnson wrote.

The memo stated that employees "alleging illness" needed to provide a doctor's note on the first day back to work that supported their reason for taking a sick day. Failure to do so could result in their being fired for abuse of sick leave and insubordination, Johnson wrote.

He wrote that the company would deny requests for personal days off during the state of emergency. Employees would be required to work overtime, if needed. Johnson said the operational emergency would remain in place until he lifted it.

Southwest officials have said the airline was not short-staffed before the storm pounded much of the country, citing instead the inability of internal logistics and scheduling systems to recover from the storm.

In an email, the company said such operational emergencies are routine and contractually agreed to by employees and union representatives. The company said the state of emergency was enacted only at Denver International Airport.

Robert Mann, who runs R.W. Mann & Co., an airline industry analysis and consulting firm, described the memo as draconian and said it may have had the opposite effect to what Southwest desired and could have prompted some workers to stay home, knowing they would be facing freezing conditions at the airport.

"When it goes bad, it tends to go bad real quickly," said Mann, a former airline executive.

Randy Barnes, president of TWU Local 555, the union that represents Southwest ground workers, said ground workers have been working 16-to-18-hour days during the holiday season. He said many have gotten sick and some have experienced frostbite.

Union representatives and analysts said the winter storm, which affected about 60 percent of the country and was blamed for the deaths of dozens of people, exposed the company's technological deficiencies and brought into focus long-held contentions by unions and others that the carrier has delayed upgrades — relying on archaic ways to sync planes, pilots, staff, flight patterns, gates and runway availabilities.

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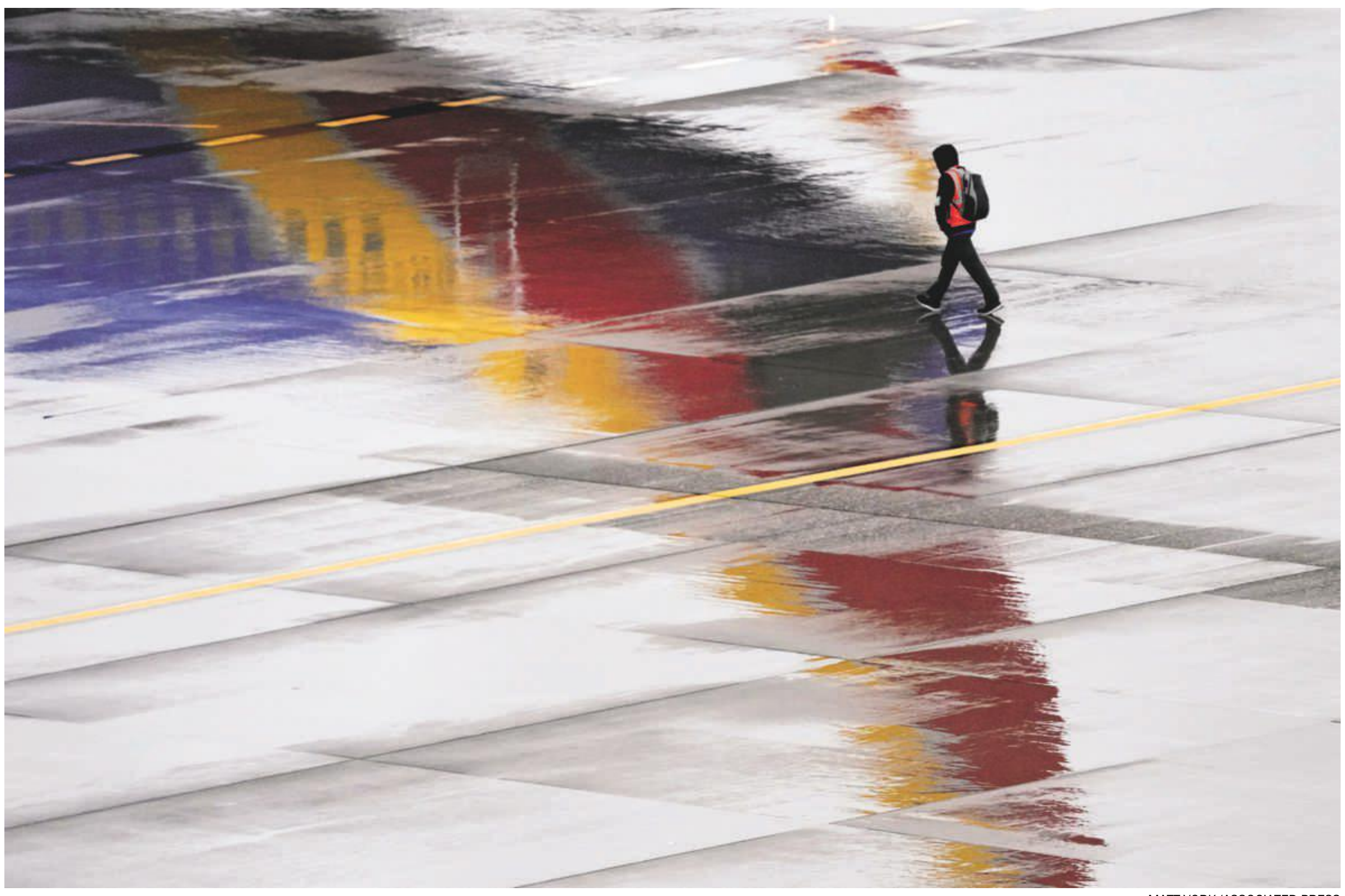

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TOP: Travelers wait for help with lost luggage at William P. Hobby Airport in Houston on Wednesday, when Southwest Airlines canceled 2,509 flights. ABOVE: A ground crew member walks past a Southwest jet sitting at a gate at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

The system works reliably to get planes, flight crews and travel patterns reorganized after smaller, centralized storms, but it can struggle to match the speed needed to develop a plan when many airports are affected. Last week's storm packed such a punch over such a large swath of the country that it disrupted the entire aviation system — sending Southwest's scheduling system, in particular, into a tailspin.

"The tools we use to recover from disruption serve us well, 99 percent of the time," Southwest CEO Bob Jordan said in a video to customers and employees. He said the company is continuing to move forward with plans to upgrade the system.

Getting algorithms and other scheduling and logistical systems back in line can take days, said Lawrence Gasman, president of Inside Quantum Technology, which studies how quantum computing can help businesses with complex issues such as scheduling. As disruptions add up, a system that relies on synchronicity can reach the point of no return, he said.

Southwest officials said the only way the carrier could restore its regular flight schedule was to cancel most flights this week, aiming for a recovery before next week. That time is being used to reposition staff, planes and crew.

Southwest's operations are unusual among the four carries that dominate the U.S. market, relying more heavily on a point-to-point route model than a system of hubs and spokes. Such a system can leave crews and planes far from where they need to be when problems hit, slowing the recovery.

Chip Hancock, an Atlanta-based Southwest pilot and a union official, said his flights Monday were canceled but he was still required to show up at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, where other pilots were waiting in an office. It took him an hour to get hold of a scheduler by phone, only to be told to check back in another hour.

Hancock said schedulers were telling crew members to make their own travel and sleeping arrangements, leading the airline to lose track of employees.

"You can see how you lose this positive control of the operation," Hancock said.

Claire Taitte, a former Southwest manager who worked on crew scheduling and is now an aviation consultant, said that Southwest has invested in technology in recent years but that the scale of the challenge after cancellations mount is immense.

"The technology that would solve all of this very quickly simply does not exist to my knowledge," Taitte said. "No airline has a magic irregular ops solver that solves everything quickly and notifies all the crews automatically and gets them all hotels automatically."

Mann and others said the airline's slow pace of technological change is part of the company's ingrained culture. As Southwest grew rapidly from a small carrier to one of the nation's largest, the carrier retained its well-worn solutions even as it expanded, putting familiarity ahead of the benefits new technology and upgrades could bring.

Mann said it took Southwest until 2017 to update its reservations system, something other airlines began doing in the late 1990s, even though it acquired the technology through the 2011 acquisition of AirTran Airways.

"That's 20 years of sitting on your hands while the world moves on and the world gets bigger and more complicated," he said.

Ross Aimer, chief executive of Aero Consulting Experts, which aids airlines with operational strategies and planning, said Southwest's reluctance to adopt new technology also seems strategic.

For years, flight crews reported to company representatives the time they closed airplane doors and departed until the advent of the Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS), which automatically reported that data. Southwest, however, resisted the technology for years, giving it more leeway over arrival and departure performance records — which the Federal Aviation Administration reviews.

"Eventually they were forced by the FAA to put that device on an airplane," said Aimer, a retired United Airlines pilot who flew commercial jets for more than 40 years. "But that just shows you the culture at Southwest."

Aimer said he has heard reports from pilots and crew members who have spent hours trying to call in to a Southwest scheduler to report their locations and statuses.

The debacle will be a hit to Southwest's finances. A smaller meltdown in October 2021 in which Southwest canceled more than 2,000 flights over four days cost the carrier $75 million.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said his department will investigate Southwest's handling of the cancellations. He called for airlines to temporarily cap fares on routes affected by Southwest cancellations to limit the financial burden faced by stranded or delayed Southwest passengers who are trying to book flights with other carriers.

United Airlines said it was capping fares in cities that Southwest serves in the United States and Latin America through Saturday, and Frontier said it capped prices at "pre-disruption levels." The Denver-based budget airline said it has sold "thousands of last minute tickets in recent days."

"We are running almost completely full, accommodating as many passengers as possible," the company said in an email.

Aimer said that while a confluence of factors was to blame, none loom larger than outdated technology that Southwest's competitors targeted for investment years ago.

"All of these things became a perfect storm, and you see the meltdown that has happened," he said. "And sadly, only to Southwest."

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What to know about getting flight refunds and finding your lost luggage

How to get your belongings (and money) back after the meltdown

BY HANNAH SAMPSON AND GABE HIATT

The convergence of a massive winter storm, a swarm of holiday travelers and a major airline's operational collapse has created a travel meltdown of epic proportions.

Southwest Airlines passengers suffered the worst of it, with the carrier drawing scrutiny from the Transportation Department for a wave of cancellations and delays that continued Wednesday while competitors had already recovered. As of noon Wednesday, more than 2,500 Southwest flights were canceled, representing more than 60 percent of the schedule, according to flight tracking service FlightAware. The airline has admitted to struggles with outdated scheduling systems, and an internal company memo highlighted a worker shortage in Denver.

Across the country, passengers attempting to fly Southwest either gave up on holiday reunions with out-of-town family or made drastic alternatives like driving through the night or paying premiums to rebook through other airlines.

The unluckiest among them were left waiting for hours (or days) with few answers on when or how they could resume their journeys — or where their luggage was waiting without them.

Here's what you need to know if your Southwest flight was caught in the fray.

How do I get a refund from Southwest?

The airline has set up a dedicated website for travelers to request a refund: Southwest.com/traveldisruption.

According to the Transportation Department, travelers are entitled to a refund if an airline cancels a flight, no matter the reason, and the customer decides not to travel. Passengers are also owed a refund if a carrier makes a schedule change or has a delay that is considered "significant" and the traveler opts not to take the flight.

How long will it take to get my money back?

It's not clear yet how long it will take for the airline to process refund requests. Southwest did not include a response to this question in comments it provided to The Washington Post.

In a customer service commitment posted in 2019, the airline said its refunds department processes credit card refunds within seven business days from the time they receive a request.

The Transportation Department has cracked down this year on airlines that did not provide timely refunds, fining six airlines for "extreme delays" in refunding passengers. Southwest was not one of the six airlines fined.

"When a flight gets canceled, passengers seeking refunds should be paid back promptly. Whenever that doesn't happen, we will act to hold airlines accountable on behalf of American travelers and get passengers their money back," Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in a statement in November. "A flight cancellation is frustrating enough, and you shouldn't also have to haggle or wait months to get your refund."

How do I get my luggage back?

Southwest said in a statement Wednesday that teams at the airline are "finalizing a resource" to provide extra help to travelers who need to be reunited with their lost or missing bags. On its website for travelers whose trips were disrupted, the airline says only: "We recognize that many of our Customers are currently separated from their belongings, and we're working to resolve the situation as quickly as possible."

According to the airline's contract of carriage, Southwest will pay for delayed bags to be delivered. The airline will compensate passengers for expenses they experience due to the loss, damage or delay of baggage, up to $3,800.

Will the airline pay for my hotel room and meals if I'm stuck?

In a statement, Southwest said that "requests for reasonable reimbursements directly related to the travel disruption will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis." That includes meals, hotels and alternate forms of transportation. The airline says on its website to submit receipts for expenses related to cancellations or significant delays experienced between Dec. 24 and Jan. 2 at an "Email Us" link on Southwest.com.

According to an airline customer service dashboard maintained by the Transportation Department, Southwest has committed to cover several expenses in cases of "controllable" cancellations and delays. They include meals or vouchers if a passenger is waiting three hours or more; hotel accommodations if the delay or cancellation requires an overnight wait; and free ground transportation to and from a hotel for an overnight cancellation or delay.

In an interview with "Good Morning America" on Wednesday, Buttigieg said the airline could no longer say the cancellations were a "weather-driven issue." He called it a "system failure."

"They need to make sure that these stranded passengers get to where they need to go and that they're provided adequate compensation not just for the flight itself," he said.

Will Southwest reimburse me if I have to book on another airline?

The airline says it will honor "reasonable requests" for reimbursement for alternate transportation.

When will Southwest flights be back to normal?

Southwest Airlines CEO Bob Jordan said in a video message Tuesday night that he was "optimistic" that the airline would be "back on track before next week." He said the plan for the next few days, however, was to fly a "reduced schedule" — meaning many flights would be canceled. According to FlightAware, Southwest has already canceled more than 2,300 flights for Thursday, or 58 percent of its schedule.

Will other airlines hike prices as passengers book alternate flights?

Several other airlines, including United and American, said they had capped fares on flights from certain cities, though they didn't offer specific details on exact locations. United said it was capping fares in select cities that Southwest serves in the United States and Latin America through Dec. 31, and Frontier said it capped its prices at "pre-disruption levels."

The Denver-based budget airline said it has sold "thousands of last minute tickets in recent days."

"We are running almost completely full, accommodating as many passengers as possible," Frontier said in an email. Buttigieg urged airlines in a Tuesday night tweet to continue capping fares to help Southwest travelers get home.

Julian Mark and Rachel Lerman contributed to this report.

Scrutiny heightens over Buffalo's response to deadly blizzard

BY JUSTIN SONDEL, KARIN BRULLIARD AND HOLLY BAILEY

BUFFALO — The city of Buffalo's response to the massive blizzard that left at least 34 people across the region dead came under growing attack Wednesday, as emergency responders continued to search for survivors and plows moved mini-mountains of snow that kept the city under a driving ban for a sixth consecutive day.

Speaking at a daily briefing, Mark Poloncarz, the executive of Erie County, which includes Buffalo, slammed city leaders for failing to clear streets quickly and accused Mayor Byron W. Brown's administration of being disengaged in the coordinated local and state response. Poloncarz said the county "took over" cleanup in one-third of Buffalo and had discussed with state officials the possibility of assuming responsibility for all plowing inside city limits during future large storms.

"We have an elected officials call every morning, and the city of Buffalo was not on it," Poloncarz said. He added: "The mayor is not going to be happy to hear about it, but storm, after storm, after storm, after storm, the city, unfortunately, is the last one to be opened, and that shouldn't be the case. It's embarrassing, to tell you the truth."

Brown, speaking at a separate briefing minutes later, deflected the accusations, emphasizing that Buffalo was the hardest-hit area of the storm. He said Poloncarz had not expressed concerns to him and insisted there was "no feud" between the two.

"People have been working around-the-clock since the beginning of this storm," Brown said. "Some people handle that pressure a lot differently. Some keep working. Some keep trying to help the residents of our community, and some break down and lash out."

The blame-casting threatened to hamper coordination during the aftermath of the worst storm to hit the region since 1977 and drew fresh scrutiny to Brown, who has led the city for nearly 17 years. Brown was reelected in 2021 to a fourth term as a write-in candidate despite corruption scandals at City Hall and complaints about mismanagement in a deeply impoverished city.

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Garrett LaCross plows snow off a roadway in Buffalo on Tuesday. Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said Wednesday that Buffalo's mayor was not engaged in the coordinated local and state response. Minutes later, Mayor Byron W. Brown deflected the accusation.

"Our city government is failing us," said community organizer India Walton, a socialist who was the Democratic nominee for mayor. "There's deflection, gaslighting, excuse-making, and that means that 30 people are dead as a result, and somebody needs to be held accountable."

Even in a famously snowy region, the storm had a crushing impact that experts and elected officials attributed to a combination of historic blizzard conditions, a scarcity of emergency management resources and the determination of some residents accustomed to extreme weather to carry on with their lives — especially in the days before Christmas.

And unlike past storms, which have often hit small towns outside Buffalo, this one walloped the city, imperiling more people, knocking out power to more residences and snarling streets packed with cars that ended up serving as roadblocks to emergency responders.

But questions about preparedness — including the timing of a travel ban, which was issued during the Friday morning commute just minutes before 79 mph winds hit the area — have mounted as Buffalo digs out from under the snowdrifts. Brown said Friday that the city was "absolutely" capable of dealing with the snow from a storm of this magnitude, but he also said "the city's snow-fighting plan doesn't address blizzards. It addresses normal snowfall."

In an interview, Buffalo Common Council member Rasheed Wyatt said he did not "want to point fingers" but acknowledged that the storm revealed a need to review city plans. No changes were made after a large snowstorm in November, he noted.

"We have to learn some lessons from what happened," Wyatt said, adding: "It's a once-in-a-lifetime storm. But I'm not just going to put it all on that. There are things that we could have done better."

Asked why the travel ban was not issued earlier, Poloncarz said officials weighed projections indicating the storm band would not hit until midmorning and the need for overnight shift workers to be able to get home. "If anyone's to be blamed, you can blame me," he said. "I'm the one who has to make the final call on behalf of the county."

Officials said Buffalo's driving ban is expected to remain in effect until at least Thursday morning. With temperatures warming to the 40s, county officials said Wednesday they were now preparing for the possibility of flooding from snowmelt, though they said it was unlikely to cause problems.

Authorities were also dealing with many reports of looting, Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia said. Authorities arrested nine suspects Tuesday, he said, describing stores where "the shelves, the cash registers, things have absolutely been destroyed. It's uncalled for. It's disgusting, to be perfectly honest."

At least 34 people in the county lost their lives to the storm, Poloncarz said, with 26 of those in Buffalo. Buffalo officials said 28 had died within the city limits; it was unclear why those numbers differed.

More victims were likely to be found, officials warned. Members of the National Guard began fanning out Wednesday, going door to door to check on residents in neighborhoods that lost power, Poloncarz said.

"We are fearful that there are individuals who may have perished, including alone, or people who are not doing well in an establishment, especially those that still don't have power," Poloncarz said.

Among those who perished was lifelong resident and retired truck driver William Clay. According to his sister, Sophia Clay, he took seriously the threat of storms, having seen firsthand how the weather of this city on the edge of Lake Erie can turn in an instant from cold and still to a blinding, furious and deadly snow.

Sophia Clay last spoke to her brother around midnight Saturday morning — Christmas Eve — when she called to wish him a happy 56th birthday. "He sounded happy," she said. "He told me he loved me, and that he would see me soon."

A little while later, the family believes, Clay set out on foot to walk to a nearby convenience store to pick up last-minute supplies. That night, a relative arriving at Clay's home found the house empty and alerted other family members.

Concerned, Sophia Clay posted a Facebook message asking neighbors to look out for her brother. Hours later, the family was alerted to a photograph circulating on social media of a man facedown in the building snow blocks from her brother's home. She knew it was him: She recognized his coat.

Sophia Clay said she called Buffalo police. "They said they were on their way," she said. But hours later, the family was horrified to see new photos of the body still there. "Hours upon hours upon hours, he just laid there," she said.

The family felt helpless. Driving was banned. Increasingly unconvinced local officials would respond, Clay's relatives began to try to figure out a way to go pick up his body on their own.

Clay's body was finally recovered late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The family still hasn't been able to go to the medical examiner's office to see the body in person, though his sister identified her brother by a photo of a tattoo on his arm.

"I think he was overtaken by the storm and just became disoriented," Sophia Clay said. "That's the only thing I can think of, because he knew how bad these storms can be. He knew to be afraid."

What is painful is that her brother was dressed for the elements. She confirmed through the coroner that her brother was wearing a coat and layers. He had his hat on. "It wasn't enough," she said.

Congo immigrant survives war, dies in blizzard

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As the death toll in Western New York climbed to 34 on Wednesday, stories of the deceased began to emerge. The dead include at least two refugees who family members believe may not have fully understood the dangers of the storm. Both spoke limited English in a city where activists have been pressuring the local government to translate important warnings and advisories into the diversifying array of languages now heard on Buffalo streets.

Immigrant advocacy groups issued notices in multiple languages on their sites, but they note their efforts are limited, and most news channels are in English.

"I'm sure many refugees had no idea how dangerous the storm was and what the warnings were," said Amanda Crotty, 51, a volunteer who works with vulnerable communities.

Buffalo was once a steel and manufacturing powerhouse, drawing thousands after World War II with the promise of well-paying jobs. Over time it became known as the "City of Good Neighbors," a nod to its history of welcoming arrivals from the South.

But the city lost nearly half its population as the metals industry shuttered. By the turn of the millennium, Buffalo ranked as one of the most poverty-stricken cities in the nation. It is also considered one of the country's most segregated.

The city took in fewer immigrants than any metropolis of its size in 2000, but in recent years it has experienced what locals calls a "refugee revival" by receiving people from some of the most conflict-ridden places in the world.

Vacant properties were rented to arrivals from Myanmar (also known as Burma), Somalia and Iraq. Immigrant-owned restaurants opened. A marketplace where refugees sell goods like Ethiopian baskets and Iraqi artwork became a popular stop for locals to buy home decorations and gifts. Today, more than 10 percent of the city's population is foreign-born.

Ally and Abdul left Congo as young boys, fleeing one of Africa's longest and deadliest wars. After waiting in a Burundi refugee camp for much of their childhood, they obtained visas with a refugee program. In 2017, the pair arrived in America, placed in Buffalo through a lottery system.

They were given winter coats and boots and laughed at how they looked, Ally said. Where they were from, temperatures rarely dipped below 50 degrees. They'd never seen snow before arriving in a U.S. city that during winter months experiences some of the nation's most frigid weather.

The cousins played soccer together on weekends and married within the close-knit Congolese community. They worked long hours at factory jobs. Abdul took English classes but Swahili was his primary language, his family said. Ally had children first. Abdul's wife is nine months pregnant. They imagined raising their families together.

On Saturday, Abdul went to get milk for some of the children in his complex, Ally said. His wife urged him not to go, saying it was too dangerous. Ally said his cousin was convinced it would take him only a few minutes.

When Abdul hadn't returned by Sunday morning, Ally said he "felt sick." He gathered everyone he knew and searched for over 12 hours in the blinding snow, visiting grocery stores, corner markets, hospitals and even jails.

"After everything, this was my one job: to find him in the snow," Ally said.

Ally said he found Abdul's car late Sunday night behind a Metro station. It looked like it had been moved and hastily parked.

There was no sign of his cousin.

Friends and family began posting Abdul's photo on social media and a site for the missing: "Everyone in Buffalo, please find my uncle," Abdul's niece wrote, sharing a photograph of him smiling widely and dressed in a Hawaiian shirt.

Unbeknown to them, Abdul had already been found. A stranger discovered him freezing on a sidewalk Saturday evening and flagged down a car.

"He's dying, help!" the good Samaritan cried.

Three people brought Abdul inside the vehicle, covering him with their coats, said Savannah Jordan, 24, who said she was one of the people who came to his aid. Abdul was still breathing, but slowly. They urged a resident who Jordan said was filming from inside a nearby home to let Abdul in to warm up, but that person refused.

They drove 20 minutes to Buffalo General Medical Center but found the emergency section blocked. Jordan said they tried to reach the main entrance but that people outside wearing scrubs refused to take Abdul in. The workers said to go to the emergency room. They spent another 40 minutes trying to get there, Jordan said, but the vehicle kept getting stuck on icy, snow-filled streets.

During that time, Abdul's breathing became very shallow, then stopped, Jordan said.

They eventually got him into a nearby children's hospital, where Jordan said doctors immediately began trying to resuscitate him. On Christmas Day, the hospital contacted Abdul's niece with the news that he had died.

"I'm very upset," Jordan said. "This is supposed to be the City of Neighbors?"

Michael P. Hughes, senior vice president with Kaleida Health, the network that operates Buffalo General, disputed Jordan's account, saying Abdul was taken directly to Children's Hospital and pronounced dead upon arrival.

Ally did not want to believe this was how his cousin's story ends.

He looked over photographs of the two arriving to Burundi, then America. They'd flown seated next to each other, and accompanied one another through each milestone of their lives.

After learning of Abdul's death, Ally went to the hospital, hoping his cousin had somehow been confused for someone else.

"I rushed there ... to know if it was true," Ally said. "It was."

As the snow began to melt, officials said they were bracing for the possibility of more bodies. Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said the National Guard will visit every home that lost power to do wellness checks, out of concern there are people who may have perished in their homes.

He singled out Abdul's story, describing it as "just terrible."

The dead includes Stanislawa Jozwiak, a 73-year-old refugee from Poland who set out Friday morning to a specialty market across town. Hours later, she called her daughter and said her car had slid off the road and that she was stuck. The older woman wasn't sure where she was and the snow was piling up quickly.

Her daughter, Edie Syta, and her husband tried to reach her mother but could barely make it up their street. She called the police and a snow hotline, desperate for help. On Christmas Day, friends found Jozwiak's car, her body inside.

Syta still doesn't know why her mother was so determined to leave her home. Perhaps Jozwiak, who wasn't fluent in English, didn't understand how severe the blizzard was predicted to be. Maybe she was simply eager to get fresh ingredients like carp and cabbage for the family's traditional Christmas Eve dinner.

"So many families are going to be broken," she said through tears. "And they're never going to look at Christmas the same."

Officials have not said how many people they are searching for. At least half of the 34 bodies recovered thus far were found outside. Several were found in their cars; others, like Abdul, outside on streets and sidewalks.

Lawmakers, community organizers and disaster experts say the storm's deadly toll is a result of the historic nature of the blizzard, bad timing, a dearth of emergency management resources and the difficulty of trying to force residents to abandon much-needed jobs, as well as their holiday plans.

Residents have also blamed officials, saying they didn't do enough to prepare. Erie County, which contains Buffalo, announced a travel ban shortly before 9 a.m. Friday, giving motorists only a 41-minute heads up as many of them were driving to work.

Advocates for refugees said the city and county need to do more to make sure public announcements are in languages other than English. Erie County's website offers a Google translation option at the bottom of the homepage, though many of the most readily available documents, including downloadable maps showing where driving bans are in effect, are in English. Local groups have launched education campaigns in languages like Burmese and Somali with tips on how to survive a blizzard.

ALLY SHARIFU

Abdul Sharifu, shown with his bride, Gloria Mawazo, froze to death after he left his Buffalo home to buy milk.

"In the City of Good Neighbors and throughout Western New York, the snow and winter weather may be the 'same old same old' during this time of year," the nonprofit International Institute of Buffalo noted on its website, "but for many of our New American neighbors this will be their first experience with it."

City and county officials have defended their response, describing the storm as unprecedented. Longtime residents who had lived through previous blizzards are also among the dead, underscoring the storm's severe nature.

"Seasoned Buffalo residents didn't know how dangerous this was," said Jennifer Rizzo-Choi, executive director of the International Institute of Buffalo. "And refugees, even from warm sunny places who do get training on dangerous winter weather when they arrive, were taken aback."

On Wednesday, Abdul's wife stayed in bed crying. She stopped eating and drinking after learning of her husband's death, family members said.

Ally, meanwhile, ventured out to retrieve his cousin's car and put a baby seat inside.

Despite his devastating end, Abdul's relatives want his child to know that he was happy in Buffalo. After making it out of Cong and years living on rations and under tarp and thatched roofs in refugee camps, he had made it.

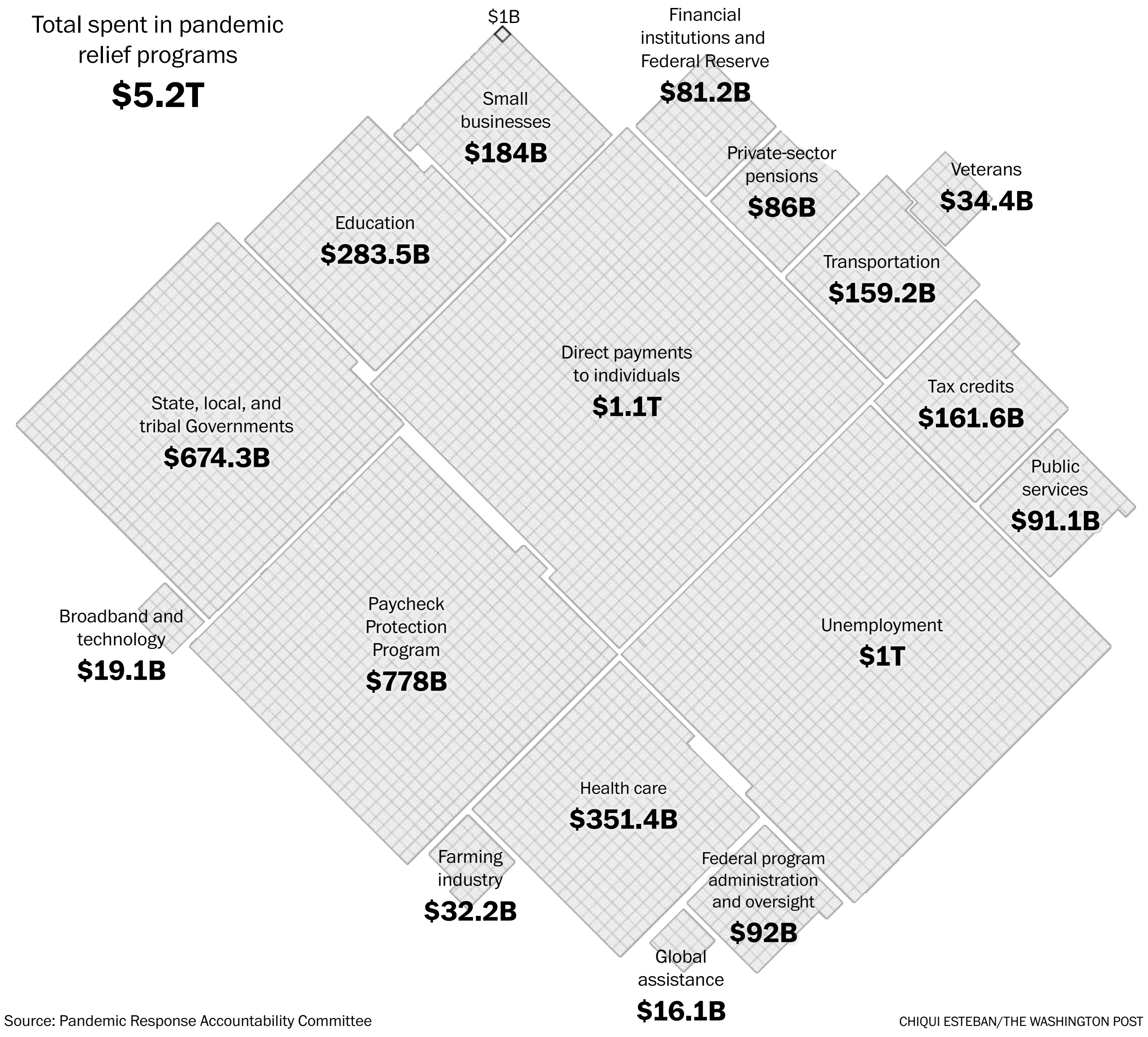
His wife, Gloria Mawazo, has questioned how she will explain her husband's death one day to their son. There are moments where she is angry at the city for not doing more. But she also wants him to know that Abdul loved Buffalo and would want their son to as well.

"His child will know that he was so happy the baby would be born here," she said in a text message to a reporter in Swahili.

Abdul was proud that he had a car; his goal was to buy a house, his family said. Buffalo was far from war and hunger and refugee camp. It felt safe.

"People did try to help him in the storm. And those American helpers drove for hours for him to live," Ally said. "And that's what we tell his child."

Aid watchdogs investigating fraud plead for adequate funding to tackle cases



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Health-care workers at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medica Center receive vaccinations on Dec. 16, 2020, in Portland, Ore. As the Biden administration targets covid relief fraud, the agencies in charge of such investigations are requesting aid, but receive little.

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how their money is being spent," said Horowitz, the chairman of the federal government's Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC), in an interview with The Washington Post. "Is it being spent in a way that's wasteful? Did the money go to the right place? Was it defrauded? Accountability goes with understanding where the money went."

The sheer amount of aid involved has made oversight and tracking difficult. Public resources to explore who received federal money, and what they did with it, remain incomplete despite recent improvements. And the network of watchdogs who do the deeper digging have highlighted at times their own lack of resources — even after requests by the White House and others for more money.

The largest responsibilities — and most significant financial constraints — have fallen on inspectors general, who are tasked to serve as independent voices monitoring federal spending. Repeatedly, Congress has failed to supply some of them with the funds they have requested, leading to a $26 million shortfall in five key offices just over the past two fiscal years, according to a Post analysis of budget records.

At the Small Business Administration, for example, the inspector general has flagged potentially more than $4 billion in fraud targeting the country's top loan program to aid small businesses. But Congress last year clawed back some of the watchdog's money to pay for other programs, top officials said. The inspector general at the Labor Department, which oversees the nation's hard-hit unemployment insurance program, said it has already opened roughly 170,000 investigations — yet it remains "hampered" by a continued lack of full funding.

Similar difficulties have plagued other inspectors general across the U.S. government, a problem that predates the pandemic. But lawmakers in the face of a crisis still have failed to heed those warnings — and Republicans instead have opted to trade political barbs as the full extent of the country's potential losses comes into view.

"The real need for resources, to my mind is with the [inspectors general], primarily because they're so overwhelmed with trying to figure out what happened," Horowitz said.

'It starts to fall apart'

The roughly $5 trillion in federal aid approved since the start of the pandemic helped save a country in economic free fall. It kept families afloat even as millions of Americans were furloughed or laid off and countless businesses shuttered, sometimes for good.

The money also paid for vaccinations, assisted hungry families in need of food and provided support to millions of Americans who were behind on their rent, utility and internet bills. And it addressed a wide array of other economic challenges, including improvements to the nation's infrastructure.

But the story of the U.S. government's historic stimulus effort also has been one of grift and loss, as The Post has found in its year-long series, the Covid Money Trail. Criminals repeatedly siphoned off federal cash, emboldened by relaxed rules as the government rushed to get money into the hands of people who needed it.

Fraudsters targeted generous unemployment insurance benefits, contributing to an estimated $163 billion in waste while disrupting weekly checks for out-of-work Americans. Other criminals set their sights on the government's $800 billion small-business loan program, extracting funds illegitimately while the companies reviewing their applications allegedly overlooked warning signs — and profited in the process.

Some state and local governments that received federal aid put it toward unrelated uses: a golf course in Florida, a border crackdown in Texas and tax cuts in other Republican-leaning states, The Post uncovered, later sparking federal scrutiny. And some private companies treated it as a moneymaker: Funds to help needy Americans afford the internet, for example, opened the door for AT&T, T-Mobile and other telecom giants to foist price hikes and service cuts on their customers.

Horowitz, the leader of the PRAC, said the difficulty keeping track of all the spending stemmed in part from Washington's "pay-and-chase" approach at the outset of the pandemic: Push out money quickly amid an emergency, and save oversight for later, creating an "extraordinarily challenging" burden on the stewards of federal funds.

Congress adopted its first, large stimulus package in March 2020, responding to historic joblessness and a plummeting stock market with the roughly $2 trillion package known as the Cares Act. The law established the PRAC, a convening body for federal inspectors general tasked with coordinating oversight and publishing data about emergency pandemic spending.

The effort resembled the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, the entity set up to monitor the roughly $800 billion stimulus implemented to rescue the economy during the 2009 recession. Over its lifetime — overseeing emergency funds, then also monitoring federal aid approved in response to Hurricane Sandy — Washington provided the oversight body about $175 million.

A decade later, though, Congress equipped the recovery board's successor, the PRAC, with a smaller budget — about $120 million — but asked it to monitor six times as much money as the 2009 stimulus, according to a Post analysis of federal data.

That funding still allowed the PRAC to produce a bevy of reports and a public dashboard for viewing broad categories of stimulus spending. But the quality and completeness of that data varies immensely, preventing the public from fully understanding how, exactly, roughly $5 trillion in federal coronavirus aid has been put to use.

"There's enough information out there that you know in broad categories what we spent money on, and how much, roughly," said Sean Moulton, a senior policy analyst at the Project on Government Oversight. "The problem is if you try at all to really drill down, that's when it starts to fall apart and become really problematic."

Compounding the problem, the Trump administration took early, deliberate steps to limit a public accounting of those dollars — a move made at the time in the name of speed. In one April 2020 memo, for example, the White House told agencies to use "existing reporting requirements" with "minimal modifications," and instructed them to report their data on USAspending.gov, a government portal that often has bare-bones information.

A spokeswoman for Russell Vought, the former head of the Office of Management and Budget who signed that memo, did not respond to a request for comment.

In the case of the Paycheck Protection Program, a roughly $800 billion initiative to loan money to small businesses, it took a lawsuit to force the Trump administration to reveal the names of its beneficiaries. Donald Trump himself even fired Glenn Fine, who had been selected as the leader of the PRAC, as part of a broader assault during his term against the nation's independent watchdogs.

Reversing that damage ultimately fell to President Biden, who tapped Gene Sperling in 2021 to oversee stimulus spending following the passage of the final coronavirus aid law, the $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. Sperling soon found himself convening new, regular meetings with inspectors general across the government, laboring to address many of the issues and tensions that had impeded their investigations for years.

Sperling, in a statement, said the administration had put an emphasis on "weekly engagement [and] deep-dive problem solving," with the goal to "maximize cooperation while respecting IG independence."

A major funding gap

Behind the scenes, though, other problems mounted — and the nation's inspectors general began to face growing financial constraints.

These and other watchdog offices received about $480 million in new money to oversee six major bills totaling more than $5 trillion in coronavirus aid, according to data provided by the White House — a staggering gap that the watchdogs at times have described as a significant limitation on their work.

The situation has grown especially dire at the Labor Department, which manages unemployment insurance. By spring, Larry Turner, the department's inspector general, estimated that the government had made $163 billion in overpayments, a figure reflecting money stolen from Washington and erroneous sums paid to Americans who were legitimately in need.

Citing a slew of ongoing investigations — and the potential it could uncover still more fraud in the months ahead — Turner asked Congress this year for a roughly $17 million boost to its budget to address a threat "unlike any that has ever been seen."

The risks to taxpayers' dollars — and the growing strain on the nation's leading watchdogs — are laid bare in several largely unnoticed annual reports and other documents reviewed by The Post over the past year. They paint a picture of a federal oversight apparatus often clamoring, without success, for help from a distracted, divided Capitol Hill.

To date, the U.S. government has secured a wide array of charges, convictions, fines and prison sentences against those who authorities say took advantage of workers, families and businesses in greatest need. But that work has been expensive and difficult, and in the eyes of some inspectors general, it has created challenges for their limited staffs that may outlast the pandemic.

When Congress adopted the $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan last year, for example, it set aside $350 billion for cities and states to address their financial needs. But lawmakers at the time awarded no new funds to the Treasury Department's top oversight body to track that specific pot of money, forcing it to stretch its existing funds.

Rich Delmar, the deputy inspector general, said his office had raised the issue with Capitol Hill, and "made our point that we can do a better job if we had some dedicated funding for that."

In the meantime, the $350 billion — which came with few, hard-to-enforce rules — opened the door for cities and states to use the money in potentially problematic ways. In Florida, for example, Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) used interest generated from federal coronavirus aid to finance flights of migrants to Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

The arrangement, first uncovered by The Post, later sparked an investigation by Delmar's office, which to date has closed 255 cases with work resulting in 10 arrests and indictments. Lawmakers have since added some to the inspector general's budget, as it forges ahead with 130 active probes and a slew of ongoing oversight responsibilities, including keeping watch over funds that benefited cash-strapped renters.

Elsewhere in government, the recent requests have come amid a growing wave of fraud. At the Small Business Administration (SBA), which managed about $1 trillion in coronavirus aid, the agency's watchdog has said the losses to taxpayers are in the billions — yet the exact sum, while expected to grow, still remains unknown as investigations continue.

Under siege, the SBA's inspector general — Hannibal "Mike" Ware — tried to bring the matter to lawmakers' attention earlier this year. He sought an extra $10 million for his office to oversee federal covid funds, warning that a wave of expected loan defaults threatened to jeopardize even more taxpayer money.

"[The office] faces a historic challenge as it oversees SBA's role in the nation's pandemic response," he wrote in a submission to Congress in March.

Last week, lawmakers delivered the extra money that his agency sought. But the increase still did not appear to address the office's full needs. Only a year earlier, Congress raided the SBA's budget — including $20 million of its oversight funds — to pay for an unrelated bill to improve the country's infrastructure. The money came out of funds meant to oversee a key SBA program, the covid-19 loan-and-grant program known as EIDL.

An SBA spokesman said the agency still expects to exhaust all of the remaining oversight money it received under past coronavirus aid laws by the 2024 fiscal year, precisely when "hundreds of billions" of dollars in loans made under the EIDL program start coming due.

The concerns about fraud — and the need for greater funding — have captured attention at the highest levels of government. Biden himself began the year with a pledge to prosecute those who took advantage of workers, families and businesses in greatest need.

In his State of the Union address, Biden announced in March that the "watchdogs have been welcomed back" to Washington — then promised to pursue "the criminals who stole billions in relief money." He also used the moment to announce the Justice Department's plans to appoint a "covid prosecutor," leading the agency later in the spring to name Kevin Chambers as its director for covid-19 fraud enforcement.

At times, though, Biden's clamoring for aggressive oversight has received little attention in Congress. Chambers, testifying in front of a key House oversight panel earlier this year, personally urged lawmakers to approve "significant resources" for his work — citing the president's request for $41.2 million so that the Justice Department could ramp up its efforts to fight fraud.

But the amount never arrived, as lawmakers failed repeatedly — including in last week's $1.7 trillion omnibus bill — to provide all of the aid sought for prosecutions in Biden's 2022 and 2023 budgets, according to a White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe discussions that were ongoing.

The Justice Department declined to comment. Chambers, meanwhile, announced in early December he would rejoin the law firm Latham and Watkins to serve as a partner in white collar defense and investigations.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers this year did adopt legislation that would give federal prosecutors more time to bring fraud cases involving the nation's small business lending programs. Often, though, they have failed to act on watchdogs' recommendations and adopt bills that might help the government track its spending in the event of a future crisis.

Instead, members of Congress have bickered with each other about the merits of the country's roughly $5 trillion in aid. Republicans in particular have also promised to focus their attention on trying to investigate the White House. Even though many in the party voted for some of the earliest stimulus packages, which Trump signed into law, some GOP lawmakers have sought to pin the blame for waste, fraud and abuse on the current administration alone.

"We've got a lot of work to do with respect to trying to get some accountability," said Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), who is expected to assume the chairmanship of the powerful House Oversight Committee in January.

Turner, the inspector general of the Labor Department, asked for about $108 million in funding for the 2023 fiscal year, which runs until the end of September 2023. In justifying the request, his office pointed to its past shortfalls — and its newly crushing caseloads.

The watchdog had 310 workers at the end of the 2021 fiscal year, nearly 200 fewer than it employed 25 years ago, according to agency data. The following year, its ranks grew by 33 people, despite overwhelming demands on staffers' time and attention, with nearly 170,000 active investigations related to coronavirus funds, a spokesman confirmed.

Many of those cases involve criminals who obtained weekly jobless aid checks by stealing Americans' identities or applying for benefits in the names of prisoners or dead people, the inspector general found. They took advantage of overwhelmed states and out-of-date computer systems to abscond with staggering sums. And they avoided detection, at least for a time, until the Biden administration intervened in a little-known dispute that kept the inspector general from reviewing claims data easily, The Post reported earlier this year.

Appearing on Capitol Hill this spring, Turner delivered a personal plea in pursuit of more aid, telling lawmakers in testimony that the "volume" of investigations into stolen unemployment benefits "is unprecedented in the [office's] history."

Nine months later, Congress wrote him a check — for about $10 million less than he requested.

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THURSDAY OPINION

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Why America doesn't love HMOs as much as I do

Last week, I went to the eye doctor. An unremarkable event, hardly something to write about, except that it inspired me to reflect on how I learned to stop worrying and love my HMO.

Older readers will probably recall the managed-care revolution of the 1990s, which set out to replace the old fee-for-service model with tightly run networks of doctors. While, in theory, such networks could offer better care, the most visible effect was on costs: In the 1990s, our collective medical expenditures, after growing by double digits for three decades, rose just 6.6 percent.

Older readers will probably also recall that doctors and patients both *hated* this change. Cheapskate health maintenance organizations became Hollywood's favorite movie villain. State legislators rushed to pass patients' bills of rights that made it hard to limit access to treatment. And health-care costs resumed their upward climb.

Yet those models never entirely disappeared. For the past five years, I've been covered by Kaiser Permanente, an HMO that mostly requires me to see their in-house, salaried doctors — and to get permission from my primary-care physician to access anything but a few routine services. Perhaps more surprisingly, I choose this over less restrictive options.

It started as an experiment. I spent some of my formative years as a journalist covering Obamacare, which meant listening to wonks rhapsodize about European health-care systems that sounded a lot like HMOs — or even just rave about HMOs. When asked what the American system should look like, one of the models health-care analysts pointed to was Kaiser — which, yes, restricted your choice of doctors but also offered a kind of highly coordinated care that traditional physicians couldn't match.

I spent a lot of years arguing that the United States would never have anything like that. So when I joined The Post in 2018 and discovered that Kaiser was one of my options for health insurance, I felt honor-bound to try what I had disparaged.

Five years later, I am no longer trying; I am convinced. Yes, I have given up quite a bit of freedom. In exchange, I get . . . well, consider my eye visit.

I had never seen this doctor before; I took the first available appointment at my local facility. Yet when I started to describe a massive floater I'd developed in my eye a few years ago, she stopped me and said, "I know." Of course she did. When it happened, in 2020, I'd gone to Kaiser's Advanced Urgent Care in that same building, fearing it was a retinal detachment. They'd determined it was probably just a floater and scheduled an ophthalmology follow-up the next day. My doctor had all those records in front of her.

Which is why I stay with Kaiser: I never have to find a specialist, hassle with medical records, make sure a prescription is phoned in or explain my patient history. Nor do I have to fuss with billing or worry about the cost; the co-pays are modest, predictable and, like everything else, easily handled through their app.

This is pretty much how people 10 years ago described what the health-care system *should* look like. Yet I'm still unconvinced that the United States will ever get there as a country — though more individual Americans could, and probably should, take the HMO option.

One reason wonks got excited about models such as Kaiser was the hope they would bring costs down from stratospheric U.S. levels to something more in line with Europe's. After all, preventive care! Ending unnecessary ER visits! Paying for health, not for expensive procedures!

Unfortunately, it turns out that preventive care doesn't save money; giving people insurance coverage means they make more ER visits, not fewer. And ongoing experiments with alternative payment models for Medicare have so far failed to generate significant savings. My Kaiser premiums are actually slightly more than my employer's other options, though I do save quite a bit on co-pays and deductibles.

That's not the only reason to prefer good coordinated care, of course — better health is valuable! But the lack of visible cost savings has drained some of the energy from the project.

Another reason the United States probably won't move in a Kaiserly direction is prudential: Not every HMO can be Kaiser, which is arguably the best in the country. Its model has proved difficult to replicate, and even Kaiser might not be as good as Kaiser after systemwide reforms because it would no longer have to compete against insurers that offer more choice.

Even if those issues could be resolved, people seem no more willing to accept limits on their options than they were 30 years ago. When I recommend Kaiser, people often recoil, even nice progressives who theoretically want the United States to have a more centralized system. Give up their favorite doctor? Sacrifice the right to see any specialist they want? No.

It's hard to explain just how *pleasant* a top-notch integrated system can be; it's the sort of thing you learn only by experience. And people seem unwilling to try it for even one year. I might have learned to love my HMO, but I'm skeptical that America ever will.

Newspapers are disappearing where democracy needs them most

BY NANCY GIBBS

Every couple of weeks you can read about another newspaper shutting its doors or moving from daily to weekly or hollowing out its newsroom until it's little more than a skeleton staff bulked up with J-school students. Study the maps made by Penny Abernathy, visiting professor at Northwestern University and an expert on dwindling sources of news, and you can see the dead zones — the 200 or so counties with no local paper. About 1,600 other counties have only one.

Local news is the oxygen of democracy, the most trusted source for the most essential information, and we've long known why dying newsrooms damage communities. But look at the maps again, and another alarming picture comes into focus: The very places where local news is disappearing are often the *same* places that wield disproportionate political power.

This phenomenon affects Americans living far away from the news deserts. Demographers predict that by 2040, one-third of Americans will pick 70 percent of the Senate.

Think of a typical voter in South Dakota, with its single congressional district and, of course, two senators for a population of about 895,000. Thanks to the Senate's structural bias toward less-populated states, that gives each of the nearly 600,000 registered voters in South Dakota about 28 times more power in that body than each of the 17 million voters in Texas. When it comes to electing presidents, that South Dakota voter carries twice the weight in the electoral college as their Texas counterpart.

But with all that added clout for shaping the composition of Congress and, less directly, the Supreme Court and the White House, the voters in about half of South Dakota's 66 counties have only a single weekly newspaper. Seven counties have no newspaper at all.

You could do the same math for residents of Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Vermont or Delaware, all states with similarly enhanced political clout. But finding reliable local news sources is much harder in the first three — geographically larger, rural states with dispersed populations, which are much more likely to lack high-speed internet as well. In contrast, Delaware's three small counties have 13 newspapers; Vermont's 14 counties have 39.

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Copies of the San Francisco Chronicle roll off the press in September 2007.

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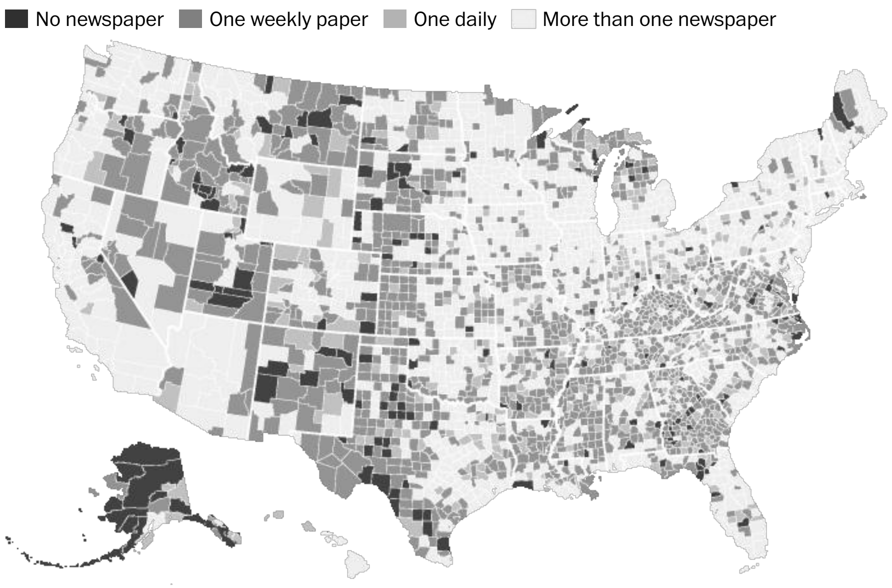

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By now we know quite a bit about why this matters. The citizens whose votes count the most might have the hardest time learning about the issues and candidates running in their communities — because there's no longer anyone reporting on them. Since 2005, newspaper employment has fallen 70 percent, Abernathy calculates, and local TV, radio and new digital start-ups don't begin to make up for that decline. Fewer knowledgeable local reporters means less accountability, leading to higher public spending, lower social cohesion, fewer people voting or running for office, less ticket-splitting and more polarization as people rely on national news sources. In 1992, a third of the states with Senate races picked a senator from one party and a president from the other. In 2016, not a single state did so, and that hadn't happened in 100 years.

If you're a Democrat hoping to stand a chance of winning in a red state, or a Republican in a blue one, it helps if voters get to know you personally, see you at ribbon cuttings and town halls, hear where your views depart from party orthodoxy. That's a lot harder to do without local reporters providing reliable coverage, no matter how many targeted Facebook ads you buy. By the same logic, winning candidates are accountable to the voters who elevate them — unless no one knows what they ran on or what they are doing with their power, beyond whether they have an R or a D on their jersey. If you weaken the connection between voters and their representatives, you empower donors, lobbyists and conflict entrepreneurs.

Partisan players are well aware of the opportunity presented when a local paper dies. Potemkin sites that mimic authentic newsrooms have popped up across the country, more than 1,300 in all; they have the look and feel of reliable information sources, but their content is often partisan noise, produced by dark-money-funded propaganda factories. A single purveyor, Metric Media, claims to post more than 5 million stories *a month.* All kinds of disinformation and conspiracy theories find the desiccated news deserts to be fertile ground.

We are dealing with a disruption of the entire ecology of information at the very moment when 78 percent of Americans say we can no longer agree even on basic facts. Local news is a crucial piece of a larger problem, and we can't truly understand the forces threatening democracy without reckoning with that larger environment — both the disappearance of critical sources of essential information and the swelling of information streams that contaminate our public space.

A rising alliance of entrepreneurs, innovators, philanthropists and legacy news organizations is working overtime to build robust new information sources. Digital start-ups and nonprofit newsrooms are proliferating, but they typically are based in cities, not the hollowed-out rural counties that have often suffered most from the economic upheavals of the past but will hold disproportionate power in picking the leaders of the future.

All Americans need and deserve access to the information that enables good political choices — but that is disappearing fastest in places that need it most.

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Use the 14th Amendment on Trump

BY BRUCE ACKERMAN AND GERARD MAGLIOCCA

Apart from a relatively brief mention in its 800-page report, the Jan. 6 committee missed the Constitution's preferred punishment for former high officials turned insurrectionists. The committee tries to persuade Americans that criminal prosecution is the only adequate response to Donald Trump's systematic efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

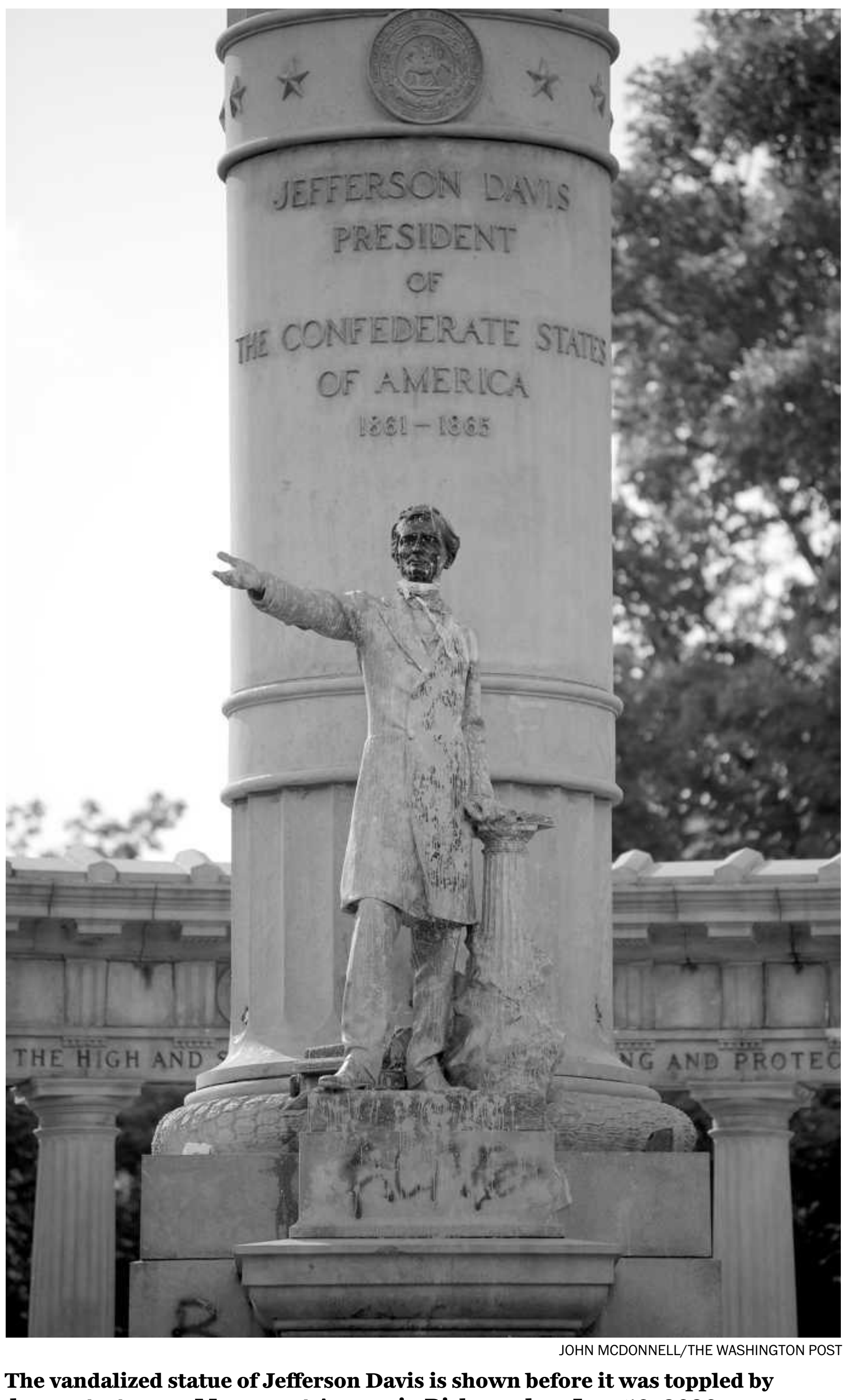
Nearly forgotten debates over ratification of the 14th Amendment point to a better, less divisive approach. Nowadays, the amendment is best known for the Section 1 guarantee of "equal protection of the laws." At the time of the debates in 1868, however, Section 3 — barring insurrectionists from future elected offices — was the hot-button issue.

Section 3 targeted Jefferson Davis, a former U.S. senator who was president of the rebellious Confederacy, along with other leaders of the attempted overthrow of the U.S. Constitution. These men had "taken an oath . . . to support the Constitution of the United States" before the Civil War, then betrayed their oath by joining in "insurrection" or "rebellion" during the conflict. Section 3 explicitly barred them from holding "any office, civil or military, under the United States" unless "two-thirds of each House" of Congress lifted the ban.

Congressional sponsors of the amendment made clear that they were following the path marked by Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural address: "with malice toward none, with charity to all." In the words of Ohio Republican Rep. John Bingham, a leading draftsman, the disqualification clause represented "an act of forgiveness on the part of the American people, without a parallel, I undertake to say, in the history of nations."

This "forgiveness" was a matter of life and death for Davis, who was imprisoned by the Union Army since his capture at the end of the war in 1865. If the 14th Amendment had been rejected, he would almost certainly have been convicted of treason and immediately executed. Yet, as soon as the amendment was ratified, the Army dropped the charges and freed Davis.

After ratification, Congress quickly passed legislation implementing the amendment. Later Congresses pardoned many ex-Confederates by the



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The vandalized statue of Jefferson Davis is shown before it was toppled by demonstrators on Monument Avenue in Richmond on June 10, 2020.

requisite two-thirds vote, but Davis remained disqualified until his death in 1889. In Bingham's words, disqualifying rebel leaders from future offices allowed "the great mass of the population of the Southern States" to retain their full "political powers" by rejoining the Union and leaving the past behind. Though Davis survived to publish an autobiography that helped to advance the Lost Cause myth of the Civil War, the government did not make him a martyr to that cause.

In calling for Trump's criminal prosecution, the Jan. 6 committee is ignoring the Lincolnian principles embodied in the 14th Amendment. Committee members might also be underestimating the difficulty of a criminal prosecution. Assuming he were indicted, Trump would not face a jury any time soon because his lawyers have demonstrated a remarkable ability to drag out court cases. In the meantime, he would remain free to pursue his ongoing campaign for the White House.

As President Gerald Ford explained when pardoning his predecessor, Richard M. Nixon, who resigned amid scandal: "During this long period of delay and potential litigation, ugly passions would again be aroused. And our people would again be polarized in their opinions."

Special counsel Jack Smith and Attorney General Merrick Garland should take a lesson from Ford's caution, and defer serious consideration of criminal prosecution until the newly elected Congress has a chance to consider the 14th Amendment option mentioned in a single paragraph by the Jan. 6 committee. Legislation already proposed by Democratic Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (Fla.) and Jamie B. Raskin (Md.) would grant special jurisdiction to a three-judge federal court in the District of Columbia to determine, within three months, whether Trump's involvement in the assault on Capitol Hill amounted to an "insurrection." The panel's decision would receive automatic Supreme Court review.

This is urgent business. If Congress does not move quickly to enact the Schultz-Raskin proposal, the issue of Trump's political future will drag into 2024, when the next election will rev into high gear and courts will be inclined to let the voters decide.

American history is marked by moments of political evasion — as well as moments of genuine courage. Congress, led by Republicans willing to break with their party's extremists, should bring the Jan. 6 tragedy to a close and enable Americans to set the nation on the road to a post-Trump future.

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A Venezuelan migrant boy plays with an action figure near the Rio Grande in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on Tuesday.

Jury-rigged and unjustified: The Title 42 saga

The Supreme Court makes a mockery of the law in its latest ruling.

REPUBLICANS AND Democrats broadly agree that the nation's asylum and immigration systems are broken. Both are aware that Congress, paralyzed by partisanship, has failed to provide a fix. But that failure cannot be a pretext for the democracy hack that GOP elected officials from 19 states have undertaken in asking the Supreme Court to retain a Trump-era anti-covid public health measure that has been repurposed as an immigration enforcement tool along the southern border. And by siding with those officials, at least temporarily, the conservative majority on the high court has made a mockery of the law.

Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, the lone conservative to join his three progressive colleagues in opposing the court's decision on Tuesday, was right to point out the flimsy legal basis that underlaid the order. "The current border crisis is not a COVID crisis," Gorsuch wrote. "And courts should not be in the business of perpetuating administrative edicts designed for one emergency only because elected officials have failed to address a different emergency. We are a court of law, not policymakers of last resort."

The policy in question, known as Title 42, was imposed in March 2020 as the nation was reeling at the onset of a new, poorly understood pandemic. It suspended the legal asylum system, enabling border authorities to quickly expel migrants without giving them the benefit of filing a claim. Since then, Title 42 has been used 2.5 million times to turn migrants back — though many of them, having received no adjudication of their claims, tried repeatedly to cross the border unlawfully.

Whatever Title 42's benefit at the outset — and there is scant evidence it was effective in combating the pandemic — it had run its course by the time Joe Biden took office. His administration made no effort to justify it; that, along with the repeal of other Trump-era immigration measures, was taken by migrants as a signal of a more lax border. In April, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ordered Title 42 terminated.

In November, U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan pointed to the fact that no evidence buttressed its continued use to protect public health, ruling against the Republican officials who sought to keep it in place. Even as Title 42 was used to block asylum seekers at the border, the judge noted, millions of other travelers were crossing, in buses and cars, with few impediments. What's more, the CDC had previously rescinded the use of quarantine and other restrictions on the grounds that they were ineffective.

Republicans made no attempt to justify Title 42, a public health measure, on public health grounds. Yet in keeping it in place while the GOP officials continue to press their appeal, the Supreme Court ignored all that, acting more as lawmakers than as judges.

There is little doubt that a new surge of migrants, on top of already record-setting apprehensions, would likely pose a challenge for border enforcement and states along the frontier, at least temporarily, if Title 42 ends. Republicans are right that the Biden administration, by sending mixed messages, has encouraged migrants to try their luck in entering the country unlawfully.

It remains the case that the immigration and asylum system, overwhelmed by a years-long backup in its caseload, cannot be jury-rigged by borrowing a public health measure for an unintended purpose. It is a job for Congress, not courts, to forge a solution.

This season's grinch

Southwest Airlines puts investors ahead of its customers and employees.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES was the grinch that stole this year's Christmas for travelers across the country. The airline has canceled more than 15,000 flights since Dec. 22, stranding passengers and crew for days. Even worse were the horror stories of passengers unable to reach customer assistance, let alone rebook their flights, and sleeping en masse at airports. While every other U.S. airline managed to get back on track shortly after the rough Christmas week weather, Southwest has only seen its problems escalate: It accounted for more than 90 percent of Wednesday's flight cancellations by U.S. airlines and about 99 percent of Thursday's — a full week after the winter storm initially hit the Midwest. This is no longer about weather affecting flights. It's about basic competence, and Southwest deserves a failing grade.

At a minimum, Southwest should fully compensate affected passengers and swiftly upgrade its outdated computer system. Giving full refunds for canceled flights and paying for food and hotel stays are the least the airline can do. But nothing can make up for missed holiday meals and hugs with family or having to forgo highly anticipated vacations. Many customers can't even rebook on Southwest until Saturday — or later. Getting their baggage back is yet another nightmare.

The core problem is Southwest's failure to modernize its infrastructure. Casey Murray, president of the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association, told CNN the airline still uses phones and a computing system from three decades ago. While 1990s fashion might be back en vogue for teenagers, that era's data processors should not be running one of the nation's largest airlines in 2022. The system was unable to figure out where crews were, making it impossible to match up pilots, flight attendants and planes.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has called the situation "unacceptable" and plans to investigate the meltdown. "From what I can tell, Southwest is unable to locate even where their own crews are, let alone their own passengers, let alone baggage," he said.

What's particularly egregious is the fact that Southwest had the money to upgrade its systems but chose to hand it to shareholders instead. The airline recently announced it would pay a dividend again that amounts to $428 million a year. Southwest also received more than $7 billion from the U.S. federal government to shore up its operations during the pandemic. It paid a quarterly dividend for years before the coronavirus struck, signaling to Wall Street that the airline had cash to spare.

In other words, given a choice, Southwest put its investors ahead of its customers and crew. Now, the full

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Travelers wait in line before being allowed to search for their luggage at a Southwest Airlines holding area at the Denver International Airport on Tuesday.

ramifications of those decisions are causing massive pain — and what will almost certainly be a collapse of trust from the budget-minded travelers who have consistently ranked it among the best airlines when it comes to customer satisfaction.

Chief Executive Bob Jordan is promising to make needed upgrades and has vowed to "go above and beyond" for those who have been impacted.

But the fact is, Southwest should have seen the debacle coming and averted it long before now. This isn't the first time Southwest has had this kind of systemwide meltdown. In October 2021, the airline canceled more than 2,000 flights over four days, blaming bad weather in Florida. The ordeal cost the airline $75 million. Executives apologized and handed out vouchers to irate customers. As recently as Dec. 21, The Post reported, an internal company memo foreshadowed the current crisis. As the storm was preparing to hit, the memo warned, Southwest's Denver operation was reaching a "state of operational emergency" because of an "unusually high number of absences" of ramp employees, who handle baggage and help planes park at gates.

Southwest markets itself as a different kind of carrier — a plucky, friendly one that shook up the stodgy airline industry in the 1970s to make jet travel easier, more flexible and more affordable. The airline prides itself on its corporate culture, unfailingly nice employees, cabins where there are no seat assignments and fares that are often among the cheapest to be found. Its logo is in the shape of a heart, and its stock symbol is LUV. All of that — as well as Southwest's bottom line — has now been put at risk by its leadership's shortsighted decisions to ignore needed investments while tending to investors.

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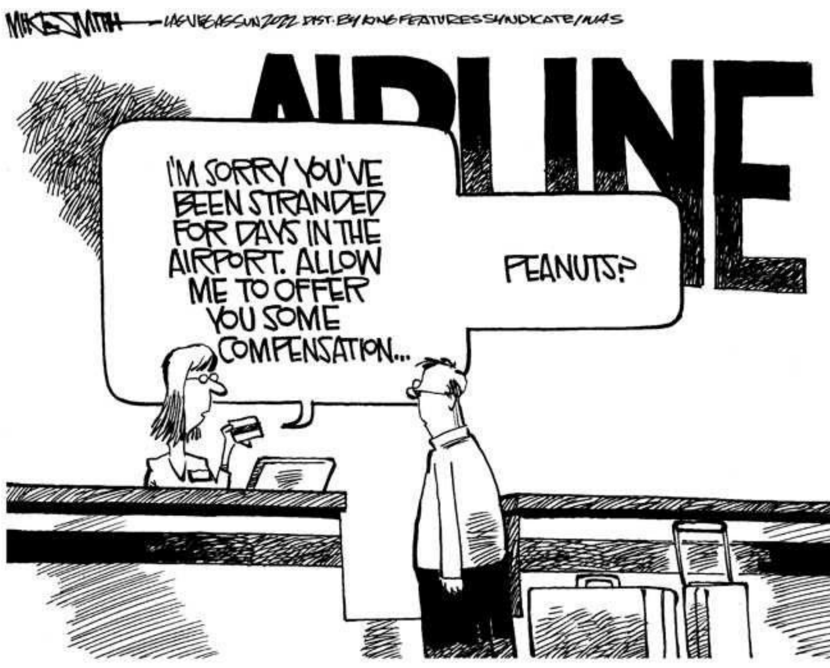

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Reassigning Mr. Gray

As a probate attorney for incapacitated people and a Ward 7 resident, I was concerned by the Dec. 22 Metro article "Gray objects to his reduced role in proposed council committee assignment."

I agree that D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) can restructure committees and assign members to head committees. Mr. Mendelson assigned Vincent C. Gray (D-Ward 7) to head the new committee on hospitals and "health equity" to "accommodate" Mr. Gray's recovery from a stroke. "Health equity" might address Ward 7 residents' significant degree of health disparities and needs. A hospital such as the one debuting soon for care in Wards 7 and 8 would fall under the new committee. That committee falls short of the full oversight of the Health Committee, which oversees the Department of Health Care Finance, which addresses Medicaid and Medicare.

The council deferred determination of "incapacity" of individuals to the Superior Court, pursuant to the D.C. Code. The court has not ruled Mr. Gray is incapacitated. It's inappropriate for the chairman to change Mr. Gray's assignment based on his health.

Mr. Gray, as with many who have strokes, can recover and remain productive. His doctor has advised that Mr. Gray not to exceed eight working hours in a day. Nowhere in the requirements for the part-time D.C. Council does it say members must serve more than eight hours a day during the legislative session. Mr. Mendelson should not have removed Mr. Gray, an expert on health care, from his chairmanship of the council's Health Committee.

Julie E. Rones, *Washington*

What to watch in the primary

Regarding the Dec. 26 news article "GOP's 2024 hopefuls on move":

As we move toward the season of figuring out which of the many Republicans will enter the race to become the party's presidential nominee, we should recognize the constraints that will be placed on the ones who hope to win. Candidates for the nomination will face a choice. Will they speak of leading a party that hopes to win over more voters, or will they seek to reduce the number of potential voters who are likely to lean Democratic? We all know the answer.

To win in a Republican primary, candidates must make the nearly nonexistent issue of voter fraud a feature of their campaign. They must deny the rights of "dreamers" to become citizens, and they must promote the idea that large swaths of mostly urban and poor and minority voters should be suspected of voting illegally.

In the eight presidential elections since 1992, Republicans have won the popular vote just once. Because of the electoral college, which makes a handful of states politically important, Republicans will spend an outsize majority of their time, energy and money trying to deny the votes in cities. It is a shameful exercise, and it will ensure that the Republicans try to impede any progress we make in education, the environment and the health of our country in the future.

Elliott Miller, *Bala Cynwyd, Pa.*

Barbarism strikes again

Thanks to Brian Calley for his Dec. 26 op-ed, "Why are schools submitting kids to this barbaric treatment?." I've never forgotten an incident in fifth grade, long ago in 1956, when Ronnie, a lively and funny prankster, was forced to the floor by our plump male teacher. The teacher sat on young Ronnie. Laughter turned to tears, and only when Ronnie screamed did the teacher get up.

I don't recall Ronnie having any disability, but he did "act up" and was frequently sent to stay alone in the "cloakroom." Decades later, at a school reunion, someone mentioned that teacher as a humorous memory. Ronnie was there, grimaced and turned away. We all suddenly knew our great friendly teacher was a punisher.

There's no place for any of the practices Mr. Calley mentioned. How can any teacher justify such treatment?

Martha Berryman, *Austin*

Brian Calley might have been a lieutenant governor of Michigan, but I would bet that he never spent a single day teaching 30 children in a classroom that is understaffed.

I worked for more than 30 years with children with special needs. The vast majority of my colleagues welcomed special-needs children when we were properly staffed. The following oversimplified statement of his is flat-out untrue: "Each use of restraint and seclusion diminishes the future of any child subjected to it."

Come on. I was removed from church once, but it taught me a valuable lesson. My future was not "diminished." Temporary removal or restraint of students might be necessary at times, but having a well-staffed place where a student can go to calm down would reduce the need for restraints.

Whether it is the actions of former president Donald Trump or the snitch line begun by Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R), I hope that with the waning of these types of politicians, we are seeing an end to this oversimplified, punitive treatment of school staff. Our schools make easy targets for ambitious political wannabes. Now, Mr. Youngkin wonders why we have a teaching shortage. Please. Try funding K-12 schools the way we fund college football.

Linda Spollen Haile, *Edinburg, Va.*

Ms. Harris's not-so-good year

In 50 years as a reader of The Post, I have rarely encountered an article that seeks to curry favor from a public official as blatantly as did Jonathan Capehart in his Dec. 23 Friday Opinion column about Vice President Harris, "Kamala Harris had a most excellent 2022."

Mr. Capehart wrote that Ms. Harris made a good speech in Munich and another in Thailand, where she also had a "brief encounter" with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Oh, and she met with a lot of people to build a coalition to protect civil rights that might be threatened in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision denying abortion rights.

The funny thing is that the word "immigration" never appeared in the column. Yet, President Biden put Ms. Harris in charge of solving that problem, which is a humanitarian crisis of staggering proportions. It certainly wasn't a "most excellent" year for the hundreds of thousands of migrants who crossed the border in 2022, nor for the millions in the border cities and northern cities where these asylum seekers are aggravating the already serious problem of homelessness and other issues.

Immigration is a terrible problem — for the migrants and for all Americans. Yet, the vice president seems to studiously avoid her charge, seeking to duck being hurt politically by association. Until Ms. Harris and the administration she represents take steps to control the crisis on the border, the two years remaining in her term will be far from "most excellent."

Barry Blechman, *Washington*

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All immigrants deserve what we Cubans get

I want to publicly thank the U.S. government and its taxpayers. Why, exactly? Because this country turned my Cuban family and the 2.3 million other Cuban Americans — migrants or their descendants — into the beneficiaries of the single most generous immigration policy in U.S. history.

Unfortunately, six decades of unparalleled government largesse — via laws, orders, regulations and accommodations — don't often feature in the Cuban American origin story of hard work, professional know-how and university pedigrees. Yet these considerable advantages played a crucial role in helping Cuban Americans become a powerful Latino community.

So I now plead with my fellow Cuban Americans: Never forget just how fortunate our community was, and mostly still is, in the face of the terror and hardship experienced by so many Cubans after the 1959 Cuban communist revolution.

The United States granted us a gilded haven.

Please remember that fact in the narratives we tell each other and others, especially as Haitians, Venezuelans, Salvadorans and Hondurans are shoulder-to-shoulder with Cubans in their quest to cross the border. And the Cuban exodus continues: Some 250,000 Cubans have entered the country this year, according to U.S. government statistics — most of them crossing over from Mexico after flying to a third country, such as Nicaragua.

Despite our good fortune, far too many Cuban Americans in South Florida heartlessly espouse MAGA-fueled anti-immigration sentiments toward equally worthy refugees. Too often, my fellow Cuban Americans let their sense of exceptionalism cloud their hearts. Have decades of comfort snuffed out their empathy?

Instead, they should be arguing that their own story is the template for how other refugees should be treated, regardless of whether the pain is caused by left-wing or right-wing governments.

Yet, this month, Cuban Americans publicly pilloried author and academic Susan Eckstein, who came to Miami to discuss her book, "Cuban Privilege: The Making of Immigrant Inequality in America." The title lit the fuse, "privilege" being dismissed by critics as "woke."

A Miami-Dade commissioner called the book "hate-filled" and "anti-Cuban." Other public figures attacked the author as a bigoted lefty. The event drew so much attention, it was moved to Florida International University, a sponsor of the talk. Protesters and police greeted Eckstein's arrival. A rebuttal speaker was added to the roster.

At the talk, Eckstein's critics made clear that they believe Cubans still deserve special treatment because they fled, and still flee, a repressive, one-party communist state, a mere 90 miles from the United States, that deprives citizens of civil liberties. In other words, Cubans are exceptional because their suffering is exceptional.

Except it isn't. Just ask Haitians in Miami who have long suffered under terror and misrule, or ask the Central Americans who fled civil wars.

As Eckstein observes in her book, the entitlements that our Cuban community has received are legion, unique and should be applied to others as well. Let's start with the crown jewel of America's pro-Cuban immigration policy — a 1966 Cold War relic called the Cuban Adjustment Act.

The law allows most Cubans who meet certain requirements to become permanent legal U.S. residents after a year and a day. It has been the pathway for the overwhelming majority of Cuban Americans who have built their lives in the United States, even though policy changes by the past two administrations have made it more difficult but far from impossible.

The law basically presumes they are refugees without requiring them to be judged case by case. And, unlike a handful of other similar laws for other migrants from other places, it has no expiration date. Quick residency also means quicker citizenship, which Cuban Americans have wisely parlayed into voting power. When Florida was a swing state, until recent years, Cuban Americans wielded outsize political influence on Cuba-related U.S. policy. Now that the state leans Republican, the influence remains intact with politicians who want to keep it that way.

The advantages for Cuban migrants have extended well beyond the Cuban Adjustment Act. My mother, sister and brother arrived in Miami in 1961, and my father, a pilot, arrived three weeks later after commandeering the plane he was flying. They received government benefits and work authorization like most of the other Cubans who followed.

Other Cuban arrivals, depending on the year, have received low-interest loans for small businesses and college (my brother attended college on one) and cash assistance, food and clothes (all of which my family received). Those who had been doctors or lawyers in Cuba got help when they sought recertification to work in the United States.

And this is a partial list.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), whose parents left Cuba before the revolution, has bemoaned the fact that Cuban Americans now seem to come here strictly for economic reasons, not political ones, given their frequent visits to the island. Yet they still receive myriad U.S. benefits unavailable to other economic refugees.

In the new year, as the border crisis is sure to worsen, I urge my fellow Cuban Americans to lead by example and demand that migrants from other nations be given the same opportunities that the U.S. government has showered on us.

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Protesters rally in support of Ukraine at the Lincoln Memorial on Feb. 20, days before Russia's invasion.

GEORGE F. WILL

How Russia's invasion of Ukraine changed the world

Shortly after the end of World War II in Europe, which began when Germany attacked Poland and Britain honored its commitment to Poland, Henry "Chips" Channon, a Conservative member of Parliament, attended a high-society event in London with Lady Cunard. Gazing upon the lavish gathering of the upper crust, and marveling at how quickly normality had been restored for those whose normality was especially enviable, Channon said contentedly, "This is what we have been fighting for." Lady Cunard replied dryly, "Why, are they all Poles?"

Wars, including the one that began 10 months ago, cause events to take unanticipated caroms that, cumulatively, eclipse the wars' origins. The world at the end of 2022 was remarkably changed from when the year dawned. On Feb. 24, Vladimir Putin could not have imagined that Sweden's and Finland's swift decisions to join NATO would extend the alliance's border with Russia many more miles than his faltering army has advanced into Ukraine.

Three of the most spectacular geostrategic blunders of the past 250 years have involved Russia: Napoleon's invasion 210 years ago, Hitler's invasion 129 years later and Russia's invasion of Ukraine 81 years after that. Putin aimed to show that Russia is a formidable nation — and that Ukraine is not a nation. He insisted that "Ukraine" is merely a geographical, not a political, designation. Instead, he demonstrated that Russia, with an economy significantly smaller than Italy's — and smaller than the gross domestic product of Texas — is even less impressive politically than it is materially because its authoritarian culture breeds stagnation, corruption and toadyism.

And, as Henry Kissinger recently wrote in Britain's Spectator, "Ukraine has become a major state in Central Europe for the first time in modern history." This has "mooted the original issues regarding Ukraine's membership in NATO. Ukraine has acquired one of the largest and most effective land armies in Europe, equipped by America and its allies. A peace process should link Ukraine to NATO, however expressed. The alternative of neutrality is no longer meaningful, especially after Finland and Sweden joined NATO."

These two Scandinavian countries were among a handful of European nations that strengthened their militaries in response to Putin's 2014 seizure of Crimea from Ukraine. In 2022, two weeks after they submitted applications to join NATO, a third Scandinavian nation, Denmark, voted overwhelmingly (67 percent) "yes" in a referendum that had been rejected twice, ending Denmark's opt-out from some European Union defense discussions and missions.

In two other caroms from Putin's aggression, the two nations that by their aggressions initiated World War II have been propelled into more active commitment to preventing aggression. Putin's war began on a Thursday; the following Sunday, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced a "Zeitenwende" or turning point: an increase in defense spending unthinkable four days earlier.

This month, Japan, whose southwesternmost island is closer to Taiwan than Taiwan is to mainland China, says in its new National Security Strategy report: "In no way can we be optimistic about what the future of the international community will bring." So, Japan, in another incremental step away from its formal (meaning constitutional) pacifism, is ramping up military spending beyond weapons classified, with varying degrees of plausibility, as merely defensive. New "counterstrike" weapons will include hundreds of U.S. Tomahawk cruise missiles that can reach targets more than 1,000 miles away in China. If Japan meets (as most NATO nations have usually not done) the NATO standard of spending 2 percent of GDP on its military, it will have the world's third-largest defense budget. So, China is more vulnerable — and, presumably, deterrable — because the international order has been shaken by events in Central Europe.

Russia is less a potentially hair-trigger threat than on March 30, 1981, when President Ronald Reagan was shot. William Inboden, in "The Peacemaker: Ronald Reagan, the Cold War, and the World on the Brink," reports that the two Soviet ballistic missile submarines usually lurking off the U.S. coast had that day moved closer than normal to the coast — and could strike Washington in 10 minutes and 47 seconds. Senior U.S. officials, worried that the attempted assassination of Reagan might have been a prelude to an attack, readied the U.S. B-52 bomber fleet for retaliatory strikes.

Forty-one years later, the world remains a dangerous place. But in 2022, what the Soviets used to call "the correlation of world forces" shifted substantially against the Russian rump of the Soviet empire, and against China, which 10 eventful months ago said there are "no limits" to its cooperation with the rump.

In case of death camp secretary, German court got the biggest question right

BY LAWRENCE DOUGLAS

This month, a German court convicted Irmgard Furchner as an accessory to the murder of 10,505 people. From 1943 to 1945, Furchner served as the secretary to the commandant of Stutthof, an SS concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Bizarrely, because the 97-year-old defendant had begun her secretarial duties at 18, she was tried in juvenile court. Partly for this reason, the court gave a lenient sentence of two years, suspended. Furchner might be the last person convicted of taking part in the Nazis' annihilation of 6 million European Jews.

The legal reckoning with the Holocaust began early, even before the war ended, with the Soviet trials of perpetrators of mass murder in Krasnodar and Kharkov in 1943. The following years and decades witnessed several of the most resonant trials of the 20th century: the Nuremberg trial of the major Nazi war criminals, the first international criminal proceeding in history, in 1945-46; the 1961 Jerusalem trial of Adolf Eichmann, the logistical mastermind behind the deportation of Jews to SS killing centers; and the 1987 French trial of former Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie, the so-called "butcher of Lyon."

In comparison with these historic trials, the Furchner proceeding, with its suspended sentence of a nonagenarian tried as a juvenile, might appear to be a strange denouement. Yet the value of the verdict should not be overlooked.

In an important sense, this case brings the pursuit of justice for the Holocaust full circle. As early as 1950, in the trial of two officers at Sobibor, an SS killing facility in eastern Poland, a court in Frankfurt held that everyone active at the camp had been "linked to a single process whose sole purpose was the killing of Jews." The court insisted that even those SS men who had worked in the camp's bakery and the Schuhkommando — the group in charge of collecting, sorting and storing the shoes of the murdered Jews — bore responsibility for "the success [of the killing operation]."

But no other German court followed this lead. In 1969, in a disastrous ruling, the Bundesgerichtshof (BGH), Germany's highest appellate court, failed to conceive of Auschwitz as a unified criminal complex in which the complicity of all those who had worked in the camp could be imputed. Instead, the court treated Auschwitz as a site in which many thousands of discrete crimes occurred, each of which needed to be independently proved. This ruling created huge obstacles to the successful prosecution of camp functionaries, especially because the German statute of limitations had long tolled on all Nazi-era crimes with the exception of homicide. Without evidence of a specific act of homicide by a named camp functionary, prosecution was essentially impossible. Those inclined to cynicism might say that was exactly the point. In any case, for decades, Germany's prosecution of former camp guards ground to halt.

The conviction of John (Ivan) Demjanjuk by a Munich court in 2011 marked a belated break with this regrettable case law. In convicting Demjanjuk, the court recognized that all guards at an SS killing center, such as Sobibor where Demjanjuk served, were accessories to murder — because that had been their job. In such cases, the court reasoned, it was unnecessary to provide evidence of a specific act of killing to prove guilt. By working as a guard in a killing center, Demjanjuk's guilt followed lockstep from his function.

Still, the Munich court calculated Demjanjuk's complicity in a strangely aggregated manner. In holding Demjanjuk complicit in the death of about 28,000 Jews, the court imputed the defendant's guilt for *each specific* transport of Jews that arrived during his months serving at Sobibor. Each transport, the court reasoned, represented a distinct act of complicity and so was treated as a separate count against Demjanjuk. Alas, this conclusion represented the persistence of the flawed understanding embraced by the BGH in 1969. By the reasoning of Demjanjuk's judges, Sobibor suddenly and episodically constituted itself as a murder center only when transports arrived. This, of course, was wrong: Sobibor *existed* as a murder center and the court should have treated Demjanjuk's complicity holistically, not as a collection of aggregate crimes.

Now, in convicting Furchner, the court in the northern German town of Itzehoe has finally embraced a unified understanding of participation. In contrast to the Demjanjuk case, the court treated Stutthof itself as a criminal complex. The court did not deny that Furchner played an extremely minor role in the larger campaign of extermination. In contrast to Demjanjuk, she had not escorted any Jews from the train to the gas chamber; neither had she patrolled a guard tower, preventing escape. But in typing the orders of the commandant, she contributed, however marginally, to the success of the Stutthof camp — a unified and coordinated criminal operation created to destroy people.

Her suspended sentence reflected both her age and her low level of responsibility. But her conviction made clear that participation in an exterminatory system, at whatever level, deserves to be recognized as a crime. In perhaps its last judgment on the Holocaust, a German court finally returned to its early recognition that complicity attaches to all who participate, however peripherally, to a genocidal system.

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E.J. DIONNE JR.

Congress is losing a wise institutional patriot

We think of prophets as thundering against injustice and calling us all to account. Those mighty voices are indispensable. But there is another kind of prophet who speaks to us with quiet wisdom.

Rep. David E. Price (D-N.C.) would bridle at the thought of anyone turning him into a prophet. His perspective on politics is infused with the humility of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address and Augustine's commentaries on the imperfections of human nature. But that is precisely why he has long been the second kind of prophet for me.

Price, who is retiring from Congress in January at the age of 82 after 17 terms in office, has been a special figure in our public life. He is a loss to the institution and our politics precisely because he thinks institutionally. He believes that Congress matters and that individual members have obligations not only to themselves, their consciences and their constituents, but also to making the first branch of government function effectively.

He grew up in east Tennessee in a Republican family and became a Democrat as a student in North Carolina because of his engagement in the early years of the civil rights movement. He got divinity and political science degrees from Yale and is a first-rate political scientist — his book on Congress, first published in 1992, came out in its fourth edition at the end of 2020. It's one of the best examples of "participant-observer" scholarship.

He thinks a lot about right and wrong (he briefly considered becoming a minister) without ever falling into the trap of a scolding moralism.

On the contrary, his morality — inspired by Augustine and the 20th-century theologian Reinhold Niebuhr — is rooted in the idea that we are all imperfect. But we also have the capacity to transcend our failings.

He speaks of recognizing "the pervasiveness of sin and self-seeking in all that we do individually and collectively" while appreciating "the spark of divinity, the other side of human nature" that can "break through to order our lives and order our affairs." His "paradoxical notion of human nature," I'd argue, has the benefit of being true.

First elected to the House in 1986, Price is part of a relatively small club: someone who lost an election (he was beaten in the 1994 GOP landslide) and then came back to Congress two years later.

Having relied on him over the years as a sane voice during out-of-control political moments, I wanted to interview Price one more time before he left town and returned to teaching at Duke. I think of him, in a phrase introduced to me by the political scientists Norm Ornstein and Tom Mann, as an institutional patriot.

"A member of our institution or any governing institution needs to strike a balance between their own personal convictions, personal goals, personal political axes to grind . . . and what it's going to take for the institution to function," he says. "Of course, you're going to criticize institutions. Of course, you're going sometimes to set yourself apart and take a lonely, conscientious stand. But you also need to understand that an institution of 435 members, each marching to their own drum, is going to be totally dysfunctional."

He can also see things from multiple angles. How many former state party chairs/professors/politicians/theology students have you met? So, I asked him what advice he would give Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.), representing opposite wings of his party, if they made a joint visit to his office.

For someone often seen as a moderate, Price's answer contains some surprises.

"I wouldn't just tell them to be nice to each other," he says with a laugh. "I think a lot of the civility discussions are quite superficial." He also insists, "I don't think we get anywhere by just telling everybody that they ought to tack towards the center."

The imperative, he says, is "strategic thinking." On the one hand, "don't hesitate to be full-throated advocates for what you believe in. . . . At the same time, understand that not every battle can be won on the first try and that politics is a matter of striking a balance between . . . compromising and finding common ground where you can, and fighting where you must.

"The art is, of course, knowing which is which," he adds. "And within the Democratic Party there needs to be a kind of sense that not every battle is Armageddon. ... You just don't necessarily solve all the problems at once." In the Price vision, the means are determined by what works, but the ends are measured against principle.

I'll miss a politician who combines reflection with action, the practical with the visionary, and engagement with critical distance.

It's in the nature of Democrats, he says, never to be content — and that's okay with him. "We hold before ourselves ideals of liberty and justice and common good," he says. "And we are never satisfied with the current iteration of those things."

But the rest of us might be a bit more satisfied with our institutions if they were graced with a few more institutional patriots like David Price.

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MARYLAND
With science saying that teens need more sleep, schools are reassessing their start times. **B3**

OBITUARIES
Stuart Margolin, 82, won back-to-back Emmys for his sidekick role in "The Rockford Files." **B4**

Moorish Americans set off a strange showdown in Md.

'Sovereign citizen' adherents take over a rural gun range in Charles County

BY PETER JAMISON

WELCOME, MD. — The complaints about the property on Fire Tower Road were urgent but not too far out of the ordinary in this rural stretch of Southern Maryland: earsplitting gunfire, endangered cows, a stray bullet that pierced a neighbor's equipment shed.

But that was before the would-be heirs to a mythical North African empire moved in, claiming their dominion extends not only over the lost island of Atlantis but also over five acres in Charles County.

The episode began when gun enthusiasts started getting together on Sundays for target practice at the wooded property of 64-year-old Byron Bell.

As the gatherings grew bigger, along with the caliber of weapons and the number of rounds discharged, they drew the ire of neighbors even in this sparsely populated and gun-friendly area.

It was after county officials took action, deeming the site an unlawful firing range and filing an injunction to stop it from operating in September, that events took several unexpected turns. That was when a group calling itself Moorish Americans — an offshoot of the extremist "sovereign citizen" movement whose members believe they are immune from dealings with U.S. legal and financial systems — essentially took over the range, declaring it "protected under the consular jurisdiction of Morocco."

There followed arrests, flurries of spurious legal documents and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, all to the accompaniment of what neighbors describe as an ongoing din of gunfire on weekends. Things escalated last week when sheriff's deputies raided the property, seizing what Bell said were about a dozen firearms.

The saga in Welcome, an agglomeration of tumbledown farmhouses and newly built homes roped together by winding country roads, highlights several enduring American loves: guns, conspiracy theories, property rights and fruitless litigation.

William Tomlinson, who owns a farm that backs up to Bell's property, said decisive action by law enforcement was long overdue. Tomlinson said many rounds zipped through the air on his property, chewing up a stand of timber trees and forcing him to move his small herd of cattle to a pasture where they aren't at risk of stopping a stray bullet.

Tomlinson, who owns guns himself, said he sometimes has friends over for target practice. But it's not comparable to what goes on at Bell's place, he said.

"We're not over here with fully automatic weapons, 40-round clips, shooting thousands of rounds," Tomlinson said. "It's a completely different situation. I would use the term reckless endangerment."

Bell, who moved into his home in 2019 and bought it this year, said he believes he and his friends were unfairly singled out.

"Everybody shoots around here. So why you going to have me stop shooting?" Bell said. "I thought it was about these people telling me what to do with my land."

Yet even Bell, speaking to a Washington Post reporter in his home hours after he had sat there in handcuffs while sheriff's deputies searched the premises, acknowledged that things had gone too far.

"It just went overboard," he said.

SEE **RANGE** ON **B2**

'Please help me save a life'

Silver Spring woman donates a kidney to a stranger after seeing a request on an internet mailing list

BY DANA HEDGPETH

Liza Porat glanced at her phone while sitting in her car at a stoplight and saw the request posted on an internet mailing list for her Silver Spring, Md., neighborhood. "Needed," it read, "A kidney for a 41-year-old New York woman."

Porat, a 57-year-old lawyer and mother of five, drove on, and at the next stoplight, she quickly responded: Sure, she'd be willing to go through dozens of tests and procedures, travel, put her work on hold — at times — and see if she was a match.

So began her months-long process to donate a kidney to a stranger with the help of Chaya Lipschutz, who runs a website called KidneyMitzvah. Despite the Jewish reference in her website, Lipschutz says she helps people of all races and religions. From her apartment in Brooklyn, Lipschutz — a 65-year-old former secretary for a nonprofit group — posts notices for kidney and liver patients in need of new organs and success stories of donors who've given.

She started her work in 2005 after she donated a kidney to a stranger. With no staff and no budget, Lipschutz uses internet mailing lists and online groups to match donors and recipients. She's helped about 70 people navigate the donor and recipient process.

"People ask, 'Can I give you a gift?'" Lipschutz said when she's able to help donors and recipients. "I say, 'No, no, no.' When a match goes through, that's my reward. This is the greatest happiness in the world."

While there are many organizations and people who try to help link organ donors and recipients, those who've worked with Lipschutz said she's unique: She charges no fees and brings a lot of energy and a caring spirit.

"She's enthusiastic, and she puts her heart into everything she does," said Marian Charlton, a clinical

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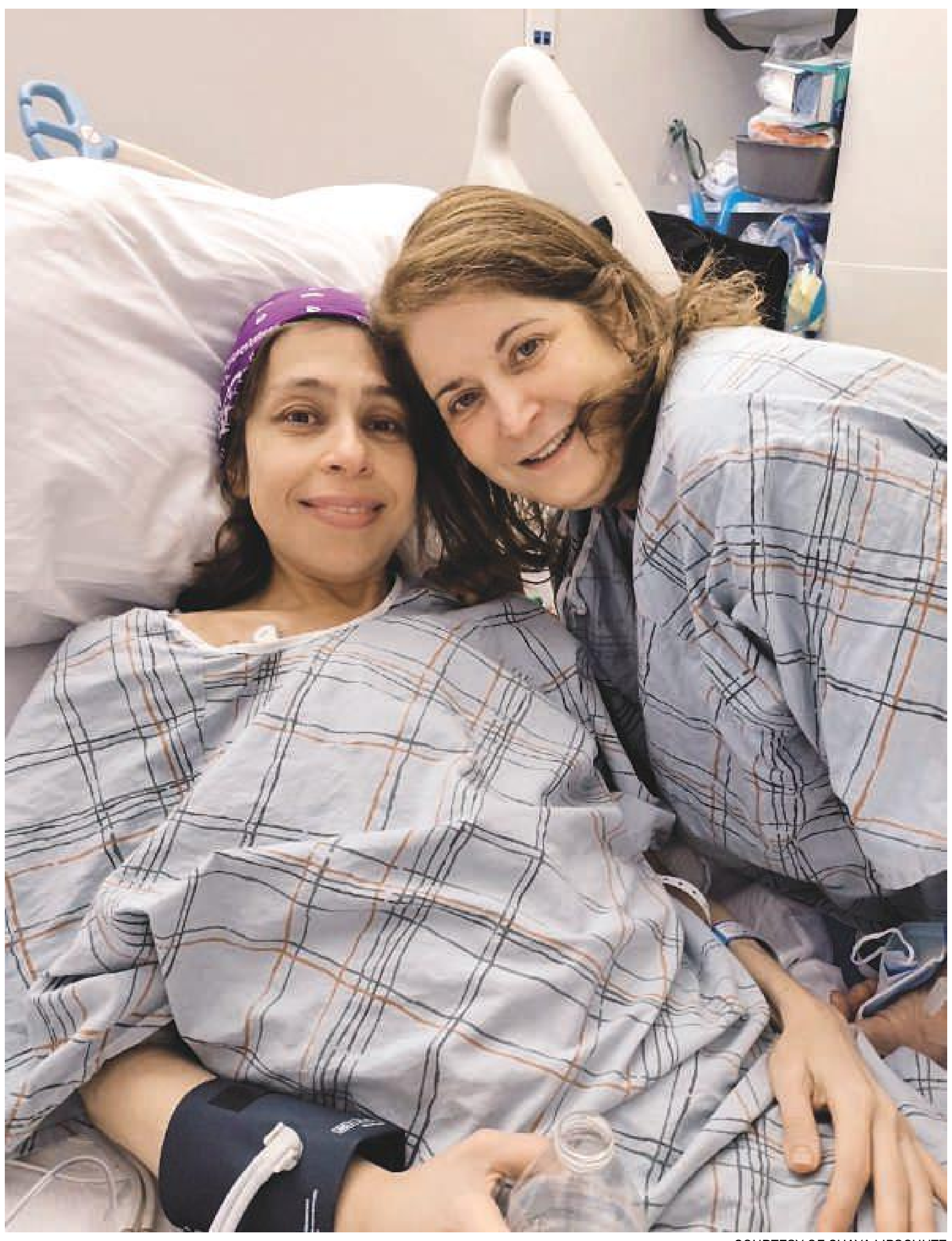

COURTESY OF CHAYA LIPSCHUTZ

Marianna Ilyasova, 41, left, and Liza Porat, 57, a few days after Ilyasova received a kidney from Porat, who responded to an online plea.

$950,000 to settle D.C. suit on safety

SCHOOL HAD BEEN RULED IN VIOLATION

Deal will 'close' chapter, Washington Hebrew says

BY NICOLE ASBURY

The Washington Hebrew Congregation will pay nearly $1 million to the city and families after a judge ruled the Northwest Washington synagogue violated the District's consumer protection law when it failed to follow several child safety regulations while operating its preschool.

The settlement announced Wednesday ends proceedings in a 2020 lawsuit filed by D.C. Attorney General Karl A. Racine (D) that alleged the congregation frequently ignored city laws designed to keep children safe. Racine's lawsuit came after earlier accusations and a 2019 lawsuit filed by a group of parents alleging that a teacher had sexually abused toddlers at the preschool.

A D.C. judge ruled in September that the congregation violated safety regulations by hiring unqualified teachers and assistant teachers, as well as by failing to maintain paperwork that showed staff were qualified and operating a summer program without a license. He also ruled that the congregation failed to properly report accusations that staff members used physical force with children.

But the judge, siding with the

SEE **SETTLEMENT** ON **B3**

Theresa Vargas

She is away. Her column will resume when she returns.

In Maryland libraries, dog ears of the literal kind

Montgomery County's canine program helps kids with public speaking

BY NICOLE ASBURY

Harper Chandler beamed as she unzipped her puffer jacket and pulled out "The United States of America: A State by State Guide." Cooper — a 5-year-old mini golden doodle — wagged his tail as the second-grader approached him at Long Branch Library in Silver Spring. She was going to read to him about several states across the United States, starting with her home state of Maryland.

"This is my favorite book," Harper, 7, told Cooper, as she began to sit crisscross in front of him. Cooper ran to greet her, wearing a small Santa hat as he sniffed Harper and her book.

Cooper has been listening to children read him stories each month at the library as a part of a program that pairs young readers with therapy dogs — who act as accepting and attentive listeners. Cooper once listened to a second-grader read about 200 pages of "Captain Underpants" for roughly an hour, said his owner, Martha Lester. Some young readers will tell Cooper about the letters of the alphabet they're learning or flip through picture books.

SEE **DOGS** ON **B4**

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Harper Chandler, 7, holds up a treat for the therapy dog Cooper, who listened as Harper read a book at Long Branch Library.

Raskin has lymphoma, prepares for treatment

BY STEVE THOMPSON

Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.) announced Wednesday that he has cancer but said the condition is curable and he expects to work during treatment.

The congressman, who led the second impeachment trial of President Donald Trump and is a member of the House select committee that investigated the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, disclosed the diagnosis in a news release.

"After several days of tests, I have been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma, which is a serious but curable form of cancer," he said. "Prognosis for most people in my situation is excellent after four months of treatment."

Raskin, who has represented Maryland's 8th District since 2017, said he is about to begin a course of chemo-immunotherapy as an outpatient at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center in the District.

"I am advised that it also causes hair loss and weight gain (although I am still holding out hope for the kind that causes hair gain and weight loss)," his news release said.

SEE **RASKIN** ON **B6**

Moorish Americans arrested after taking over gun range

RANGE FROM **B1**

'I don't want them shot'

Bell began hosting shooting days on his land in 2021. The events were organized by Mark "Choppa" Manley, a social media influencer and former D.C. security guard who promoted the site as home to the "Choppa Community" — an incubator of firearms education and ownership for African Americans.

On Sundays, amid the aroma of grilling burgers, kids would take classes in basic gun safety with plastic pistols while the grown-ups lined up for target practice with 9mm handguns and AR-style rifles. Manley catered in particular to Black residents of the District and Prince George's County who were seeking to arm themselves for protection amid spikes in violent crime. Visitors were not charged, although ammunition was sold, as well as classes for concealed-carry licenses.

"It was like a family day," Manley said.

Some of Bell's neighbors didn't share that view. Disturbed by the noise and risk of errant gunfire, nearly 40 of them supported a petition demanding that the range be shut down, the Southern Maryland News reported. Tomlinson, in particular, said he feared for his safety, since his farm sits downrange from a backstop for bullets on Bell's property that he called "totally ineffective."

"I have moved my animals to the other side of the farm," he said. "I don't want them shot."

Tomlinson said he first brought his complaints to the county about a year ago. But it was not until September — in anticipation of an especially large crowd for Manley's birthday on Sept. 11 — that government officials took decisive action.

On Sept. 9 the county attorney's office filed an emergency petition for an injunction against shooting on the property.

In an attached affidavit, the county's planning supervisor said regulations prohibited the gun range unless it was granted a special exception to operate in an area zoned for agricultural conservation. No application for such an exception had ever been filed, she said.

The county attorney's office declined to discuss the case with The Post. Charles County spokeswoman Jennifer Harris said in a statement that officials' "top concern is for the health, safety, and welfare of the community. We achieve that through the enforcement of regulations that must be followed by property owners."

Judge Karen Abrams granted the order, stating that the shooting happening at the range was illegal and that a failure to enforce the zoning laws "encourages citizens to ignore the very regulations that are implemented to protect them and others."

Manley cleared out and started looking for a new site in Virginia.

"I could tell Charles County wasn't going to let up," he said.

Yet around the same time, county officials came up against a new challenge. It was heralded by the filing of perplexing documents — adorned with symbols including the star and crescent and the pyramid-tip "Eye of Providence" that appears on the back of the dollar bill — asserting that the dispute over Bell's land was subject to the terms of an 1836 treaty between the United States and Morocco.

Among those documents was a "writ of error" signed by a man identifying himself as Lamont Maurice El and claiming that he was the consul general of the "Morocco Consular Court at the Maryland state republic."

The consul, whose real name is Lamont Maurice Butler, had some experience with Maryland's judicial system. In 2013, he was convicted on multiple charges stemming from his attempt to occupy a 12-bedroom Bethesda mansion. The ideology that had fueled that escapade was the same he later brought to bear in the legal wrangling over the property on Fire Tower Road.

The 'Moroccan Empire'

Moorish Americans, also known as Moorish sovereign citizens, believe themselves to be the inheritors of a fictitious empire that they say stretched from the present-day kingdom of Morocco to North America, with Mexico and Atlantis thrown in for good measure. They claim the same protections from U.S. legal proceedings that are granted to foreign citizens, while simultaneously asserting their rights to take over properties — often well-appointed homes owned by other people — that they say are still part of the "Moroccan Empire."

Bell declared his Moorish American citizenship in September, according to court documents. He told The Post that he was still struggling to understand much of the group's doctrine but that he found it "very educational."

Among the things he had learned, he said, was that he should consider himself exempt from the county's legal actions — in part because government officials did not refer to him in court documents by the Moorish variant of his name, Byron David Bell-Bey.

"They weren't really talking to me," he said.

Butler, who had attended the weekend shooting gatherings when they were overseen by Manley, joined with other Moorish Americans to reopen the range, charging $25 a head and promising that "security will be in full force for everyone's safety and protection" under Moroccan consular jurisdiction.

The group of Moorish Americans to which Butler belongs did not respond to requests for comment by email and through their website. Officials at the genuine Moroccan Embassy in Washington also did not respond to a request for comment.

On Nov. 13, Butler and another Moorish American, George Neal-Bey, tried to intervene when Charles County sheriff's deputies pulled over a third member of the group. In a video that the Moorish Americans later posted online, Butler — wearing a camouflage uniform, dark headscarf and pistol on his hip — can be seen approaching the deputies on the side of the road. Four of them then abruptly wrestle him to the ground while a fifth stands by with his gun drawn.

Butler and Neal-Bey were arrested and later indicted on various gun-related charges. Butler was also charged with resisting arrest. A judge ordered them held without bail. A hearing in their case is scheduled for Friday in Charles County Circuit Court.

Their case files have begun to thicken with documents bearing esoteric symbols. On Dec. 7, Butler filed a handwritten affidavit demanding acknowledgment of his treaty rights.

Bell, who until recently ignored the court order to close the range and has not appeared for court hearings, is now facing a $350,000 sanction for contempt of court. (Under the terms set by the judge, Abrams, $1,000 will be taken off the fine for every week that no shooting takes place on his property.) And just last week he learned that he could face further legal troubles.

On the morning of Dec. 21, Bell said, he and his wife, Chrystal, were awakened by loud knocking, followed by the busting in of their door. A group of sheriff's deputies then searched his home, he said, taking away his guns and a computer.

The warrant shared with Bell — which he showed to The Post — contains few details but indicates that the search was conducted as part of an investigation into possible possession of illegally owned or modified firearms, such as short-barreled shotguns.

The sheriff's office declined to comment.

Bell said the officers who searched his home were "very cordial."

"They could have tore the house clean up," he said. "But they didn't."

And though it took a while, the original problem on Fire Tower Road could now be resolved: Bell says there will be no more shooting on his property.

As darkness filled the windows of his kitchen on a lonely plot of land nearly 4,000 miles from Morocco, he said he had gotten the point.

"You got to follow the rules," Bell said.

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TOP: William Tomlinson, who owns a farm that backs up to the property in Southern Maryland where the gun range is located, said that stray bullets entered his property and that he feared for his safety. ABOVE: Liswa Hawkins, center, shows people how to shoot during a handgun licensing class at the range in July, before the Moorish Americans arrived there.

"We're not over here with fully automatic weapons, 40-round clips, shooting thousands of rounds. It's a completely different situation. I would use the term reckless endangerment."

William Tomlinson, a neighboring landowner who says he sometimes has friends over for target practice on his property

Md. woman hopes her story will encourage others to become kidney donors

TRANSPLANT FROM **B1**

manager for a kidney transplant center in New Jersey who has worked with Lipschutz. "She approaches everything 100 percent, full on."

Stuart M. Greenstein, a kidney transplant surgeon at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, said Lipschutz is "truly passionate" about working with recipients and donors.

"She's helping other people and not making any money off it," Greenstein said. "She does it purely because she wants to help."

Porat says she didn't know anything about Lipschutz until she spotted the post for Marianna Ilyasova on a Silver Spring neighborhood mailing list.

Ilyasova, a college professor who also has a tax service business, had been suffering with kidney failure for five years and was doing dialysis several times a week. At one point, her health had deteriorated so much that she could hardly urinate.

She'd heard about Lipschutz through a friend and asked her to post a message she had written: "I'm crying day & night & praying to God for him to show me what a day looks like by feeling healthy. I have lost all my strength & can't even walk without aid."

She continued, describing multiple health complications from her kidney failure. "Dialysis sucks out all nutrients & minerals from the body," she wrote. "Every day, getting more critical. *I don't want to die! Please help me!*"

Porat read the message. It was her birthday, and her closest childhood friend had recently received a new kidney. Porat said she planned to make a donation to a local kosher food bank in honor of her own birthday and in gratitude for her friend's transplant. But when she read Ilyasova's plea, she thought, "I can't overlook this."

She and Ilyasova went through months of testing to see if they were a match. They underwent transplant surgery in October. After the procedure, they met in person for the first time at the hospital, and Ilyasova cried.

"She saved my life. I thought I was going to die. I was trying to look for a donor and hanging on to the thought that I want to someday be married, become a mom and see my children," Ilyasova said. "She helped me save that dream. She's my angel on Earth."

They're both doing well after the surgery.

Porat hopes her tale will encourage others to become kidney donors.

"If I have it in my power to save a life, how do you turn away?" she said. "I couldn't do that. She's someone's kid. ... She's a woman, and she's a member of the Jewish community, and we're supposed to look out for each other."

"She saved my life. I thought I was going to die. ... She's my angel on Earth."

Marianna Ilyasova, who received a kidney from Liza Porat

COURTESY OF MARIANNA ILYASOVA

Marianna Ilyasova, a college professor from New York, with her father at a New Year's celebration in 2020. In October, Ilyasova received a kidney from Liza Porat, a 57-year-old lawyer and mother of five, who responded to a plea posted on an internet mailing list for her Silver Spring neighborhood.

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Chronically unhoused men have found a home at La Casa

John Kelly's Washington

Salvador waited patiently as my question was interpreted in Spanish: Why did you decide after more than a decade living on the streets of Washington to move into La Casa?

"Because it is too dangerous on the streets," he said in Spanish. "And so cold."

Too dangerous. So cold. That's the reality for many unhoused people in Washington. For some, there is La Casa.

The seven-story apartment building is in Columbia Heights. It's operated by Friendship Place, a nonprofit organization working to end homelessness in the District and a partner in The Washington Post Helping Hand.

"What's heartwarming for me is that the participants who come here, they have a home," said Friendship Place's **Joyce Washington**, the division director of the permanent supportive housing program at La Casa. "We consider ourselves a family. We know our participants. Some have been here since we opened."

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Salvador, a resident of La Casa, walks with Alicia La Rotta, his bilingual case manager. The Columbia Heights building for chronically homeless men is operated by Friendship Place.

That was in December 2014, when then-Mayor **Vincent C. Gray** (D) was among city officials who cut the ribbon dedicating the 40-unit building at 15th and Irving streets NW. Before construction began on La Casa, there had been an almost Dickensian situation on that block. Sitting on a vacant lot was a set of trailers. Inside each were rows and rows of bunk beds. Men experiencing homelessness could stay there for the night.

No one liked the arrangement very much. Not the men who sought refuge there. Not the social workers who tried to help. Not the community, which saw it as an eyesore. The trailers were removed. And with funding from the District's Department of Human Services, La Casa — "the house" in English — rose in their place.

It's a handsome edifice: glassy, with a faux-wood exterior and a double-height lobby. It looks like a high-end condo building. Not long after its dedication, Washington City Paper called La Casa "the best building that's gone up in the District in recent months."

La Casa offers permanent supportive housing, the most complete expression of what's known as the "housing first" model. There was a time when people who had become homeless through addiction or mental illness had to solve those problems — or start trying to — before they were allowed to enter a housing program. Housing first recognizes that it's easier to face those challenges with a roof over your head.

La Casa is for chronically homeless men, those who have had the most intractable problems finding stability. These are men like Salvador, who asked that I not use his last name. He came to Washington from Mexico 18 years ago when he was 22, leaving behind a wife and daughter. His plan, he said, was to send money home to his family.

But Salvador wound up homeless. He lived in parks around Washington for 12 years before connecting with Friendship Place two years ago and learning about La Casa. Like the other residents of La Casa, Salvador has a 300-square-foot studio apartment. His is neat and sparsely decorated with a painting of the Mexican flag and a 1950s console radio that he found on a sidewalk and coaxed back to life.

Each La Casa resident has a case manager to help him. In Salvador's case, that's **Alicia La Rotta**, La Casa's bilingual case manager (and my interpreter). They meet weekly, working on a plan to continue the positive arc Salvador has been on since moving in.

All La Casa's residents are required to put 30 percent of their income — whether that's from benefits or from a job — into escrow. It enables each to create a savings account. Salvador works part time as a dishwasher and prep cook in a restaurant. He also repairs bikes in the neighborhood. He sends whatever money he makes back to his family.

"That motivates him to keep going," La Rotta said.

Salvador said that during his time on the streets, he lost all of his Mexican identity documents. Getting new copies is one of the tasks La Rotta is working on with him.

"If she has to go the consulate, she will go to the consulate," Washington said. "It will take some time, but I know that she will work with Salvador."

Salvador said that is his goal: to get his documents and return home.

For others, La Casa will always be their home.

"We do have men that require a higher level of care," Washington said. For them, she said, "the goal is aging in place," with home health aides checking on them.

Some residents, she said, have died at La Casa in the nine years since it opened. That is sad, of course, but it's also heartwarming. Rather than dying alone on the streets, they passed away in the company of their La Casa family.

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LOCAL DIGEST

VIRGINIA

Victim identified in fatal fall through ice

A 19-year-old man who died on Christmas Eve after falling through the ice on a pond in Prince William County was identified Tuesday by county police.

Police said they received a call Saturday about a man who had fallen through the ice near the 6000 block of Erinblair Loop in the Piedmont community in the Haymarket area.

The Department of Fire and Rescue found the man in the pond and took him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

The man was identified Tuesday as Shahzada Zadran of Falls Church.

Police said he and acquaintances were on the ice when it broke. An acquaintance tried to find him but could not, and authorities were summoned, police said. The acquaintance went into the water and suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, police said.

— Omari Daniels and Martin Weil

At least 3 killed in attempt to cross river

At least three people — a man and two boys — were found dead after the current apparently swept away an SUV at a river crossing in central Virginia, state police said Wednesday.

Authorities were still searching for two others believed to have been passengers in the Toyota 4Runner that was found submerged in the Rockfish River in Nelson County on Tuesday, Virginia State Police said in a news release.

It appears that the SUV tried to cross the flooded river at a low-water crossing on private property on Bridgeport Lane and was swept away by the strong current, police said. Investigators are trying to determine when the incident happened.

An 11-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy were found dead on the riverbank and once the vehicle was retrieved from the river, a 30-year-old man was found inside, police said.

The Virginia State Police search and recovery team and aviation division, Department of Emergency Management search teams, the Department of Wildlife Resources and the Nelson County Sheriff's Office continued to search for two other people who were believed to have been passengers. None of the individuals were related, police said.

The three bodies were taken to the medical examiner's office in Richmond for autopsy, examination and positive identification.

— Associated Press

Synagogue settles suit over preschool safety issues

SETTLEMENT FROM **B1**

congregation, ruled that the District "failed to meet its burden" regarding an allegation that Washington Hebrew violated the city's Nonprofit Corporations Act. Before the settlement, other allegations were set to go to trial, including a claim that the synagogue violated a city regulation that requires at least two adults to be present with toddlers in licensed child development centers.

The Washington Hebrew Congregation has denied liability for the District's allegations and claims, but it said in a statement Wednesday that the settlement allowed the congregation to "avoid continued, protracted, and costly litigation." Licensing violations were corrected previously, according to the settlement.

The settlement "allows Washington Hebrew Congregation to close this chapter and move forward," Washington Hebrew President Lewis Wiener said in a statement. "Under outstanding new spiritual and administrative leadership, WHC can continue to grow as a warm, welcoming community, open to all who wish to build a meaningful Jewish life."

As part of the settlement, the Washington Hebrew Congregation will pay $550,000 to the District — $400,000 in civil penalties and $150,000 to cover the city's costs in investigating and litigating the case.

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The Washington Hebrew Congregation in Northwest is also being sued by a group of parents.

An additional $300,000 will be paid to families who enrolled their children in Washington Hebrew's summer child-care program, Camp Keetov, from 2016 to 2018.

Lastly, $100,000 will be paid to a District-approved charitable organization.

Racine said in a statement that the settlement held the synagogue accountable for putting the city's "youngest, most vulnerable residents in harm's way."

"What happened at Washington Hebrew Congregation is every parent's worst nightmare," Racine said. "Instead of protecting the children under their care, Washington Hebrew disregarded the law and failed to report incidents of harm, hired unqualified teachers, and ran an unlicensed summer child-care center for years."

The Washington Hebrew Congregation has implemented a corrective action plan from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, which is the District's equivalent of a state education department. In 2019, OSSE gave the congregation a license to operate a year-round program, and inspection reports from 2020 and 2021 indicated compliance with OSSE regulations.

"It is important to note that, occurring nearly four and a half years ago, the violations were administrative in nature," Washington Hebrew Congregation said in a statement. "Not one was related to the supervision or alleged abuse of children."

Meanwhile, a separate lawsuit filed by a group of parents against the congregation is ongoing. That lawsuit alleges that leaders at the congregation's Edlavitch-Tyser Early Childhood Center ignored warning signs while a teacher sexually abused toddlers.

A trial is scheduled for March.

"Our case will continue, as it is important to find some measure of justice for the children who have suffered due to WHC's negligence, and to hold WHC's Edlavitch-Tyser Early Childhood Center accountable," Karen Dunn, an attorney representing some of the families, said in a statement.

LOTTERIES

Results from Dec. 28

DISTRICT

Day/DC-3:	3-7-5
DC-4:	7-3-8-5
DC-5:	6-2-2-9-0
Night/DC-3 (Tue.):	0-9-8
DC-3 (Wed.):	4-1-0
DC-4 (Tue.):	7-7-1-7
DC-4 (Wed.):	5-7-6-6
DC-5 (Tue.):	8-3-8-7-7
DC-5 (Wed.):	0-1-0-1-6

MARYLAND

Day/Pick 3:	3-3-5
Pick 4:	0-4-2-9
Pick 5:	6-8-1-6-8
Night/Pick 3 (Tue.):	6-5-4
Pick 3 (Wed.):	8-9-1
Pick 4 (Tue.):	7-7-6-4
Pick 4 (Wed.):	8-7-3-9
Pick 5 (Tue.):	9-2-5-6-1
Pick 5 (Wed.):	0-7-3-4-9
Bonus Match 5 (Tue.):	4-6-8-21-37 *32
Bonus Match 5 (Wed.):	2-7-23-32-36 *37

VIRGINIA

Day/Pick-3:	7-5-4 ^4
Pick-4:	5-9-0-0 ^0
Night/Pick-3 (Tue.):	8-7-8 ^8
Pick-3 (Wed.):	6-1-5 ^2
Pick-4 (Tue.):	8-1-7-5 ^0
Pick-4 (Wed.):	0-7-0-4 ^8
Cash-5 (Tue.):	2-3-10-18-25
Cash-5 (Wed.):	2-11-17-21-23
Bank a Million:	4-5-20-24-25-32 *18

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Mega Millions:	9-13-36-59-61 **11
Megaplier:	2x
Powerball:	26-32-38-45-56 †1
Power Play:	2x
Double Play:	4-10-14-41-56 †16
Cash 4 Life:	10-23-35-39-59 ¶3
Lucky for Life:	7-10-14-15-41 ‡8

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MARYLAND

Howard County is latest to weigh later start to the school day

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

The first bells of high school ring early in suburban Maryland — in some places, before 7:30 a.m. So on winter mornings, teenagers wait in the dark for school buses. As they arrive in classes, some put their heads down on their desks, still bleary-eyed, drifting off.

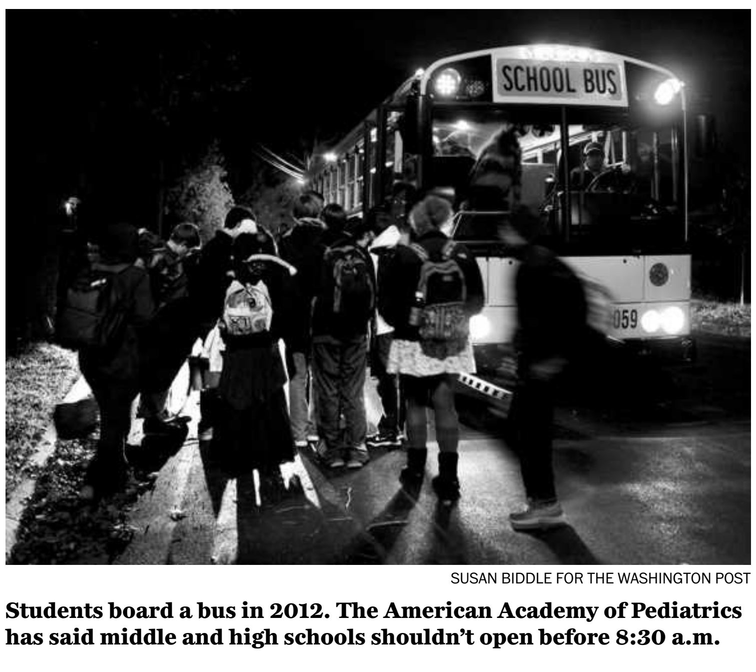
But the possibility of change now looms in Howard County — between D.C. and Baltimore — where proposals to delay high schools' opening until 8 a.m. or 9:15 a.m. will be debated in January.

Both would be a marked move away from this year's start at 7:25 a.m., an hour that sometimes converges with sunrise.

"I think it's really crucial, and it's frustrating to me that the science is universally in favor of this . . . and we're not doing it," said Dawn Popp, a mother of three who has been active on the issue for much of a decade. She said two of her children graduated before having the chance to benefit from changes.

Howard is writing another chapter in a long-running struggle over the best hours for the public school day.

In 2014, Virginia's Fairfax County made a long-sought change to open high schools later, at 8 or 8:10 a.m. The same year, the American Academy of Pediatrics weighed in, saying middle and high schools should



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Students board a bus in 2012. The American Academy of Pediatrics has said middle and high schools shouldn't open before 8:30 a.m.

not open earlier than 8:30 a.m. Since then, at least two Maryland counties have shifted schedules, too.

Nationally, school start times have been an occasional flash point as an increasing body of research has underlined the importance of sleep, and not everyone has favored the trade-offs involved in shaking up the school day. This school year, California became the first state to require public schools to open later — 8:30 or after for high schools and 8 a.m. or after for middle schools.

Maryland's Anne Arundel County, where Annapolis is located, opened this school year with later start times — moving the beginning of high school days from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. — a change that activist Lisa VanBuskirk said involved some "growing pains" as families have adjusted to new schedules but has largely gone well. Middle schools open at 9:15 a.m. and most elementary schools at 8 a.m.

Montgomery County has debated start times more than once. Its high schools now open at 7:45 a.m., after the county school board in 2015 agreed to push the school day back by 20 minutes, a small shift that reflected concerns about cost and about the potential effects on child-care arrangements, teacher commutes, after-school jobs, extracurricular activities and athletics.

Many parents also objected to a proposal to send younger students to school first, saying they might be left walking in the dark or arrive home before older brothers and sisters.

Now, some in Montgomery are raising the issue again, including Sandra Landis, a parent who heads the county's chapter of the advocacy organization Start School Later.

Landis said that more sleep for teens was one of few bright spots during remote learning in 2020-2021, emphasizing research showing that adolescents are biologically oriented to later bed times and later wake-ups, and that sleep deprivation is linked to mental health problems, obesity, car crashes and lower achievement.

"Later bell times are fundamental to the health and well-being of students in high school and middle school," she said.

She and others are hoping to persuade Montgomery school officials to do another study — this one focused on transportation and including the use of the county's Ride On buses.

"The private school students start later, and that should tell you something," she said. "They want to make sure the students go in ready for learning."

Federal data shows that, across the country, the average school start time was 8:13 a.m. in 2020-2021.

Those who start before 7:30 a.m., like the students in Howard, represent about 6 percent of middle-schoolers and roughly 9 percent of those in high school.

In Howard, where a consultant was hired to facilitate the effort, the proposals are expected to be cost-neutral for the 57,000-student district.

The district has already decided to start a new opt-in system for riding school buses, which officials say could create efficiencies because many families drive their children, and some older students drive themselves.

Howard County parents, students and community members are expected to weigh in at two January hearings, which will be followed by two school board work sessions and a board vote on Feb. 23.

The date of the vote is intended to allow school system staff enough time to implement the change by the 2023-2024 academic year.

The school system recently sent out a letter that Popp, the Howard parent who has been long active on the issue, said was confusing because it referred to the issue of moving start times as an open question.

She and others, she said, thought the school board had approved the idea in a February vote and would only be deciding on a schedule.

Library dogs provide ‘nonjudgmental comfort’ to readers

DOGS FROM B1

The Read to a Dog program was piloted at three county libraries over a decade ago, said Dianne Whitaker, a regional manager of the Kensington Park branch in Montgomery County. Now, nearly a dozen libraries participate in the program, including the Quince Orchard, Olney, Gaithersburg and Aspen Hill branches. The sessions — which occur weekly at some libraries — are usually booked with readers who tend to be in the elementary school grades.

The dogs come from volunteers who sign up through organizations, like Pets on Wheels and People Animals Love. Families that are interested can sign up through the library.

The primary purpose is to provide “nonjudgmental comfort” to children so that they feel less nervous about reading out loud, Whittaker said.

During a session at the Olney branch library, twins Liliana and Zoe Tsiolis lifted their hands in greeting for 2-year-old Easton to smell. The 11-year-old sisters were used to being around dogs, since they have two at home and their family volunteers as dog rescuers.

Each had a 10-minute, one-on-one session with Easton. Zoe read a picture book about a group of monsters preparing to scare kids on Halloween, while Liliana read a picture book about different shapes that she picked off a table of suggested books.

Easton laid down as he listened to each of the stories, occasionally lifting his head as they read aloud. After their session, Zoe said watching him lift his head and look up at her was her favorite part. The twins both agreed that reading to Easton was better than reading to people.

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Zoe Tsiolis, 11, pets Easton after reading a book about a group of monsters to him at the Olney Library. Easton’s owner, Jennifer Miller, sits nearby.

“I don’t feel that nervous,” Zoe explained.

Easton’s owner, Jennifer Miller, said that he enjoys having the children around him during the sessions. “He’s happy to be here and be pet,” she said.

The program’s parameters vary by library. The Olney branch invites families to sign up in advance for a 10-minute session, though occasionally an impromptu walk-in reader can come in on a less busy day. Olney’s organizers facilitate the program about once each week. At the Long Branch Library, there is no required registration. The library hosts the program about once a month.

At Long Branch, Harper had been reading about different states to Cooper for about 40 minutes. She read him facts about Ohio, including that seven U.S. presidents who were born in the state, before she came across a word she didn’t know: “buckeye.”

“Buck-ey?” she pronounced.

Her mother, Stephanie Powell, said, “Buck and then E-Y-E. That’s a word that you’ve seen differently, like on it’s own.”

Harper sounded the word out again. “Buck-ay?” Cooper was sitting in front of them, patiently wagging his tail. She then tried, “Buckeye,” and grinned when she realized she got it right.

Occasionally she would take a break to feed Cooper a treat or try to help her 16-month-old sister Vera gain the courage to say “hi” to the dog.

When asked after whether she thought Cooper was a good reading partner, Harper exclaimed, “He listened!” She leaned down, pet him some more, and he started panting.

It was time for another story.

OBITUARIES

STUART MARGOLIN, 82

Character actor won Emmys for ‘Rockford Files’

BY HARRISON SMITH

Stuart Margolin, a veteran actor and television director who won back-to-back Emmy Awards for “The Rockford Files,” in which he played the weaselly pal — and comically dishonest foil — of James Garner’s struggling detective character, died Dec. 12 at a hospice center in Staunton, Va. He was 82.

The cause was complications of pancreatic cancer, said his wife, Patricia Margolin.

Mr. Margolin, a craggy-faced character actor who was often cast as authority figures, debuted onscreen in 1961 and remained a TV mainstay for six decades. He appeared in episodes of “Gunsmoke” and “M.A.S.H.” as well as more recent series like “The X-Files” and “30 Rock,” as a World War II veteran believed to be the potential biological father of network head Jack Donaghy (Alec Baldwin).

But he remained best-known for playing Evelyn “Angel” Martin on NBC’s “The Rockford Files,” which ran from 1974 to 1980. Departing from detective-drama conventions, the series starred Garner as Jim Rockford, a down-and-out private investigator exasperated by criminals, money troubles, crooked cops and his shifty friend Angel, with whom he once shared a cell at San Quentin.

Mr. Margolin “radiated sleaziness and personified sly treachery with a winning charm,” author George V. Higgins wrote in the Wall Street Journal. He was twice honored with the Emmy for outstanding supporting actor in a drama series, in 1979 and 1980, and reprised the role in a series of TV movies, in addition to reuniting with Garner for the short-lived western show “Bret Maverick.”

“Angel is a weasel,” Garner wrote in a 2011 memoir, “The Garner Files.” “He double-crosses Rockford again and again. He’s always getting in trouble, and Rockford always has to bail him out. … I confess that I’ve never understood why Rockford likes Angel so much, because he’s rotten to the core. But there’s something lovable about him. I don’t know what it is, but it’s all Stuart’s doing.”

Mr. Margolin started acting at age 8, playing Puck in a local production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” But he “had no great burning desire to be an actor,” he recalled, and instead “had inclinations to show off, make a spectacle of myself” — a tendency toward mischief-making that resulted in his getting kicked out of public schools in Texas and running up a “long list of traffic violations.”

By his early 20s, he was channeling that energy into art, moving into acting, songwriting and eventually screenwriting and directing. Mr. Margolin wrote the screenplay for the made-for-TV movie “The Ballad of Andy Crocker” (1969), one of the first films to address the struggles of Vietnam veterans returning home from war, and helmed episodes of “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “Wonder Woman” and “Touched by an Angel,” among many others. He received an Emmy nomination in 1987 for his work on “The Tracey Ullman Show.”

Naturally, he also directed a couple of episodes of “The Rockford Files,” after overcoming skepticism from network executives who questioned his performance as Angel.

“NBC didn’t want Stuart in the show, but I was crazy about him,” Garner wrote in his memoir. The actors had first worked together on “Nichols,” a western that aired for one season, with Mr. Margolin playing a backstabbing deputy to Garner’s motorcycle-riding sheriff — essentially an early version of his Angel character.

After Mr. Margolin appeared in the pilot of “Rockford,” Garner continued, “NBC said they didn’t like his performance, but we put him in a second episode anyway, then a third. NBC still didn’t want him and they told us point-blank not to use him again. Then he got an Emmy nomination.

“‘Do you think we can get him for next year?’ they said.”

Mr. Margolin soon signed “a pretty good deal” with the network, as Garner told it, and appeared in nearly 40 episodes.

The second of four children, Stuart Margolin was born in Davenport, Iowa, on Jan. 31, 1940. His mother was a homemaker, and his father was a salesman — his wares ranged from air conditioners to advertisements in the Yellow Pages — whose work led the family to move to Dallas and Scottsdale, Ariz., where Mr. Margolin graduated from high school.

After moving to California to study acting at the Pasadena Playhouse, he made his TV debut in the sitcom “Mrs. G. Goes to College.” His older brother, Arnold, also got into television, working as an executive producer and writer on “Love, American Style,” an anthology comedy series that aired from 1969 to 1974. Mr. Margolin became a series regular and launched his directing career on the show.

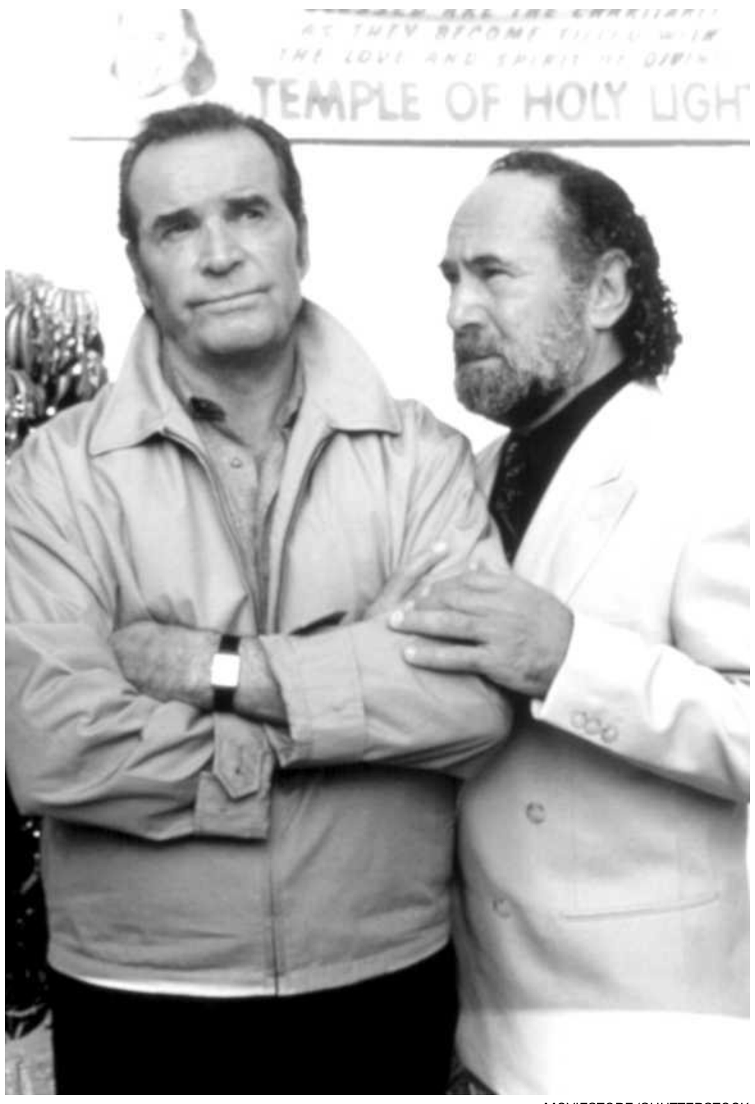
His other directing credits included “The Glitter Dome” (1984), an HBO crime drama starring Garner, Margot Kidder and John Lithgow, which Mr. Margolin also co-produced, acted in and — in his down time — wrote the soundtrack for.

By then he had branched into movies, appearing opposite Charles Bronson in “The Stone Killer” (1973) and “Death Wish” (1974) and with James Caan in “The Gambler” (1974). He was also a mill foreman in Terrence Malick’s twilight-drenched classic “Days of Heaven” (1978) and appeared in comedies by Blake Edwards, including as Julie Andrews’s secretary in “S.O.B.” (1981) and a bumbling criminal in “A Fine Mess” (1986).

His marriage to Joyce Eliason, a writer and producer, ended in divorce. In 1982, he married Patricia Dunne, decades after they met in a Texas courtroom. Dunne was a “juvenile judge,” participating in a reform initiative in which young people were judged by their peers, and Mr. Margolin was a real-life defendant.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three stepchildren: Max Martini, an actor; Christopher Martini, a director; and Michelle Martini, a costume designer; as well as two brothers, a sister and four grandsons. Both stepsons worked with Mr. Margolin on the 2020 movie “What the Night Can Do,” which was directed by Christopher and featured a cast that included Max and Mr. Margolin, who also wrote the screenplay.

In a phone interview, his wife said that Mr. Margolin had been working on a musical, “Candy Barr,” based on the life of a notorious stripper and burlesque dancer he interviewed decades earlier. The actor and dancer apparently hit it off: Mr. Margolin told the Toronto Star in 1989 that he and Barr once got so drunk in Los Angeles that he tried to check himself into a hospital at 4 a.m., hours before he was supposed to report to the set of “The Rockford Files” to play Angel.



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James Garner and Stuart Margolin in a scene from “The Rockford Files.” Mr. Margolin played Angel, the weaselly sidekick.

Fortunately, the con-artist part was far from his most demanding role, even if it was one of his most enjoyable.

“I was so blotto,” he said with a laugh. “They just told me to walk it off … so I walked onto the set that morning, did a take and they loved it. What other part could you do that?”

CHARLENE MITCHELL, 92

First Black woman in a U.S. presidential race

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Charlene Mitchell, who became the first Black woman to run for U.S. president as a party nominee when she was selected for the Communist Party’s ticket in the 1968 election, died Dec. 14 at a nursing facility in Manhattan. She was 92.

Her son Steven confirmed the death. No cause was given.

In raw numbers, Ms. Mitchell’s impact on the 1968 race was sharply limited by rules in many states that raised obstacles for the Communist Party and other smaller groups to get on the ballot. She and running mate Michael Zagarell received slightly more than 1,000 votes, including write-ins.

Yet she had wider resonance as a political pioneer and articulate spokeswoman for minority and labor causes in a campaign in which her calls for sweeping reforms were echoed on many other fronts. The 1968 race, won by Republican Richard M. Nixon, unfolded amid protests over the Vietnam War and ongoing battles for racial justice — including a nation reeling from the assassination of civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

“It’s never easy to be a Communist. It’s never easy to be a revolutionary,” she said in an interview during the campaign. “To be a revolutionary means you have to have a certain kind of dedication to a movement, to a principle … Now, that does not take place with some ease or comfort.”

Besides Ms. Mitchell, the 1968 race included a campaign by Black comedian-activist Dick Gregory. A Black civil rights leader, Channing Phillips, was put forward for nomination by the D.C. delegation at the Democratic National Convention.

Other women had previously made public moves for the presidency, including Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (Maine), who sought the Republican nomination in 1964. In 1972, a Black congresswoman from New York, Shirley Chisholm, made a bid for the Democratic nomination — often cited as a trailblazer in the party for Vice President Harris.

Ms. Mitchell became a standard-bearer for the U.S. Communist Party as it groped for a new identity. Soviet-directed crackdowns on freedom movements in Hungary and Czechoslovakia made pro-Moscow views untenable. Student-led groups, meanwhile, had largely shifted to antiwar protests, and the postwar economic boom had undercut communist recruiting in factories and elsewhere.

The shadow of the anti-communist blacklists and “Red scare” inquests of the 1950s had somewhat faded, but the Cold War still drew sharp ideological lines for Americans.

Ms. Mitchell sought to build more connections with emerging feminist movements and Black empowerment figures such as Malcolm X and Stokely Carmichael (later known as Kwame Ture.)

At a Harvard speech in 1968, Ms. Mitchell called the late civil rights leader King a “tremendous human being,”

“But I do not accept nonviolence as a principle,” the Harvard Crimson quoted her as saying. “I am closer to Malcolm X. He stood for freedom.”

Ms. Mitchell had earlier gained attention in 1959 for defiant exchanges during an appearance in Los Angeles before a panel gathering testimony for the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Citing constitutional protections, she repeatedly declined to answer questions on Communist Party views or her own stances. At one point, however, she took aim at the entire hearing as running roughshod over normal jurisprudence.

“It seems to me if anyone is guilty of any crime or any criminal act, she should be called before a jury, a regular court,” she said, adding that the committee had “no right to investigate.”

Among Ms. Mitchell’s admirers was Angela Davis, who was hired in 1969 as an assistant professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, but then became a counterculture icon after being dismissed over issues that included her links to the Communist Party.

In 1970, Davis was the subject of an FBI manhunt after weapons she owned were used in an armed attack on a civic center in Northern California’s Marin County, in which four people were killed, including a judge. After her arrest, Davis said she had no knowledge the weapons would be used in an attack.

Ms. Mitchell led the defense committee for Davis, who was acquitted in 1972. The work also led Ms. Mitchell to spearhead the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, a group whose work foreshadowed some of the current movements for social justice.

In 1975, Ms. Mitchell’s team helped in the acquittal of a Black woman, Joan Little, on charges of killing a North Carolina prison guard who she claimed attempted to rape her. Little asserted that she acted in self-defense.

In a statement, Davis said Ms. Mitchell stood out for her ability to “discover ethical connections between the political and the personal, the global and the local.”

The anti-apartheid fight in South Africa became a focus for Ms. Mitchell in the 1970s, years before widespread divestment protests and boycott movements began around the United States. The Communist Party led rallies calling for South Africa’s expulsion from the United Nations and the release of Nelson Mandela and other jailed members of his African National Congress.

After Mandela’s release from prison in 1990, Ms. Mitchell and Davis visited him in South Africa. Ms. Mitchell was later invited back for the election in 1994 that made Mandela president.

Around this time. Ms. Mitchell also broke with the U.S. Communist Party’s leadership, which had faced internal tensions over its direction after the death in 1986 of Henry Winston, one of the party’s most prominent Black voices. Ms. Mitchell and others believed the party was ignoring racial and other social inequities and also needed to adapt to new technologies for outreach.

“A radical … is seen as someone who acts on what they think,” she said in a 2017 interview, “and they do it in a kind of bold way. And that was my feeling about where I was — and I’m still that way.”

GENE KAPPOCK/NY DAILY NEWS/GETTY IMAGES

Charlene Mitchell, seen in 1968, was selected for the Communist Party’s ticket in the presidential election that year.

Young activist

Charlene Alexander was born on June 8, 1930, in Cincinnati to parents who were part of the migration of Southern Black people to Northern cities in the early part of the century.

When Ms. Mitchell was 9, the family moved to Chicago, where her father worked as a Pullman porter and political organizer for Rep. William L. Dawson (D-Ill.), one of the few Black members of Congress at the time.

As a teenager, she had joined protests to end segregation at a cinema on Chicago’s North Side and joined the youth branch of the Communist Party. Ms. Mitchell became a full party member in 1946 and studied briefly at Theodore Herzl Junior College (now Malcolm X College) in Chicago.

“Some people fall in love with Shakespeare,” she said in 2006. “I fell in love with the ‘Communist Manifesto.’”

She moved to Los Angeles in the early 1950s and later founded the all-Black Che-Lumumba Club, named after Che Guevara, a hero of Cuba’s revolution, and Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba. She moved to New York in 1968.

Her marriages to Bill Mitchell and Michael Welch ended in divorce. Along with her son, she is survived by two brothers. Until 2005, she worked with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., head of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and host of the PBS show “The Chavis Chronicles,” recounted comments by writer James Baldwin during a conversation over racism and politics in the 1980s.

“Baldwin affirmatively asserted that, “There is no question in my mind that Charlene Mitchell remains the Joan of Arc of Harlem because she dares to utter unspeakable truth to power,” Chavis wrote.

DEATH NOTICE

CARBONELL

GEORGE MARTIN CARBONELL (Age 67)

On Sunday, December 25, 2022, of Pasadena, MD. Beloved father of Kevin Carbonell (Amanda) and George Carbonell, Jr.; grandfather of Camden, Ford, and Clark Carbonell; brother of John Carbonell (Karen), Carol Gardell (John), Nancy Schneider (Bruce), and Jimmy Carbonell (Julie). Also survived by his former wife Eileen Carbonell, many nieces and nephews, and his loyal companion Buddy. Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD, (Valet Parking), Thursday, December 29, 2022, from 3 to 5 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at Holy Redeemer Church, 9705 Summit Ave, Kensington, MD, on Friday, December 30, 2022 at 11 a.m. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to Lab Rescue LRCP, P.O. Box 1814, Annandale, VA 22003.

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DEATH NOTICE

CARPENTER

JUDITH K. CARPENTER "Judi"
October 5, 1947 - December 15, 2022

Devoted and loving wife; kind, generous and caring sister, aunt, and friend. She was married to Conrad "Connie" since October 10, 1986. Judi and Connie lived in Silver Spring, MD until 2010 when they moved to Greenville, SC, following Judi's retirement. She leaves behind her husband Connie of 36 years; her sister Loretta and husband Bob; sister Margaret; twin brother Jimmy and wife Kathy; sister-in-law Marsha and husband Jack; sister-in-law Michelle and husband Jay; brother-in-law Richard and wife Maryella; and 19 nieces and nephews. Judi was predeceased by her parents, Denver and Elah, sisters Pearl and Niela, and niece Joyce. Judi also leaves behind her treasured closest friends, the "Usual Suspects", and so many others who loved her. Judi was born and raised in Spencer, WV. She attended business school after high school and then moved to suburban Maryland. She worked for Vitro Corporation/BAE Systems for 30 years before retiring at the end of 2009. In retirement, Judi volunteered at the Greenville, SC County Friends of the Library and helped to care for neighborhood pets and strays. Judi most enjoyed golf, walking, animals, music, decorating, sitting in the sun, and time with friends. Judi loved God and attending church. She brought joy and laughter to every environment, conversation, and gathering whether at work or play. She had a love for life and an insatiable curiosity for new things. Judi treated everyone equally -- with value, respect, and kindness -- regardless of their state in life. She was loved by all. Funeral Mass to be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the ProMedica Hospice Memorial Fund (Simpsonville, SC) or to the Greenville (SC) Humane Society.

DEWEY

CLAIRE E. DEWEY (Age 90)

On Saturday, December 24, 2022, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of the late William Dewey; mother of Wayne (Kate) Dewey, Anne (Douglas) Berry, Brian (Shirley) Dewey, Ellen O'Brien, and Kevin (Marjie) Dewey; grandmother of Kevin, Sean, Nicole (Matt), Kaitlin, Ryan, Thomas, Cameron, Aidan, and Lydia; great grandmother of Kaylee. Also survived by her sister Jean Dern. Relatives and friends may call at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15661 Norbeck Blvd, Silver Spring, MD, Tuesday, January 3, 2023, from 10 to 11 a.m.; followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, Washington DC-MD Office, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20036

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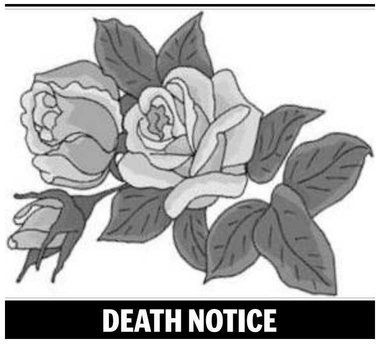

DEATH NOTICE

DONIN

ESTELLE B. DONIN

On Monday, December 26, 2022, Estelle B. Donin of Silver Spring, MD passed away at the age of 102. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Donin; devoted mother of Judy (Steve) Gottsagen and Lara Pugliese; loving grandmother of April (Kelly) Wroten, Mindy (Vincent) Schumaker and Shaun Pugliese. Graveside services will be held at King David Memorial Gardens in Falls Church, VA on Thursday, December 29 at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Foundation for the Blind (afb.org), Save a Child's Heart (saveachildsheart.org) or Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org). Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

www.sagelbloomfield.com

GINDER

MARK EDWIN GINDER (Age 97)
WWII NAVY VET.

Mark Edwin Ginder passed away December 27, 2022, in Cincinnati, Ohio, beloved husband of the late Azalea Ellen Ginder, devoted father of David (Marilyn) Ginder and Alan (Emily) Ginder, dear brother of the late Herman (Jane) Ginder and William (Marcy) Ginder, loving grandfather of Isiah (Mariana) Ginder and Ezra Ginder. Celebration of Life services will be held in the Spring. Memorial contributions to Twin Towers Senior Living Community, 5343 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224 would be appreciated.

www.weilkahnfuneralhome.com

SNOW

BRIAN D. SNOW (Age 79)

Brian Snow passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2022. He was born in Houston, Texas, received an MA in mathematics from the University of Colorado, and taught at Ohio University, where he helped develop its computer science department. He then moved to Maryland, beginning a 35-year career at NSA. In 2019 he received the great honor of being inducted into the National Cyber Security Hall of Fame [en.wikipedia.org]. Brian is survived by Myra, his wife of 55 years, three daughters, and eight grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

SQUIRE

MARILYNN SQUIRE

On Sunday, December 25, 2022, Marilynn Squire, of Bethesda, MD. Devoted mother of James and Matthew Squire; loving sister of Eileen Cole, Harley Zwerin, Doreen Stern and Dennis Lubow; cherished grandmother of Sammi Jo, Drew, Layla, Elle and Ruby. Graveside service will be held on Monday, January 2, 2023, 1 p.m. at Washington Hebrew Congregation Cemetery, 1380 Alabama Ave SE, Washington, DC 20032. Family will be observing Shiva following services from 6 to 9 p.m. at the home of Matthew Squire. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

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WHARTON

FRED H. WHARTON

The members of the Retired Firefighters Association of Washington, DC regret to announce the passing of Fred H. Wharton on December 18, 2022. Brother Wharton was appointed on September 1, 1961 to Engine 28 and retired on August 31, 1980 from FPD.

IN MEMORIAM

NEDAB

OLIVER B. NEDAB

My first friend, teacher, and older brother "Benny"
Happy birthday and I will always miss you
Your only sister Sissy

DEATH NOTICE

FASCESKI

JOSEPH FASCESKI "Joe" (Age 80)

Of Sterling VA, passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2022. A visitation will be held on January 5, 2023, at Loudoun Funeral Chapel from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be held at a later date. Please share condolences with the family **www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com.**

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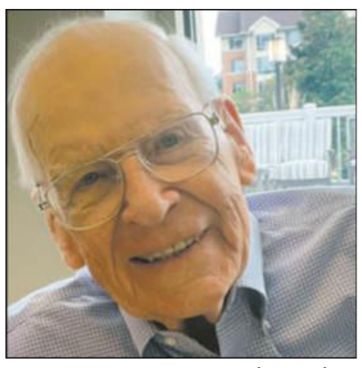


CLETUS MORRIS MILLER (Age 92)

Passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 in Alexandria, Virginia. A visitation will be held at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria, VA on Friday, December 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 12 p.m.The interment at Mount Comfort Cemetery will follow the service.

https://www.everlywheatley.com/tributes/Cletus-Morris-Miller

DEATH NOTICE

AGGOUR

CAROL CHRISTINE AGGOUR "Chris"

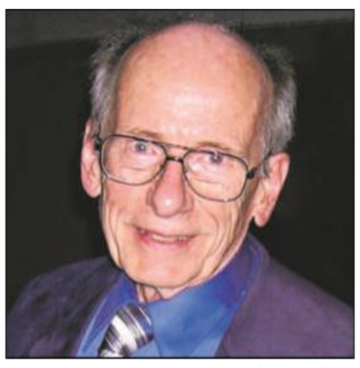
Of Silver Spring, MD, born in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada on November 13, 1945, passed away among her family on Friday, December 23, 2022. She was a graduate of the University of Calgary in Alberta, majoring in English and History. While a college student Chris worked in the University library where she would eventually meet her husband, Sherif. After moving to Maryland with her husband and children Chris worked for over 20 years for the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), first for the Space Physics department, and eventually retiring as the head administrator of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Chris is survived by her husband of 54 years, Professor M. Sherif Aggour of the Department of Civil Engineering at UMCP, her daughter Lora Aggour and partner Abbey May of Sterling, VA, and son Kareem Aggour of Niskayuna, NY. She is also survived by her four grandchildren, Ayyoub, Nadia, Morgan, and Samantha. She was predeceased by her parents Einar Melvin Overn and Wilma Jean (Groves) Overn, and sister Katherine Lynn Erickson.

Chris loved music, playing the piano and singing at family reunions and gatherings, and enjoyed playing card games with her family and friends. She also thoroughly enjoyed puzzles and mind-teasers, especially with her grandchildren. She was an avid sports player in her youth, playing competitive basketball, softball, and swimming in Canada. A celebration of Chris's life will be held in her native Canada. Messages in memoriam and condolences can be posted at https://www.mykeeper.com/profile/ChrisAggour/

DEATH NOTICE

ANDERSON



WILLIAM H. ANDERSON (Age 89)

On Saturday, December 24, 2022, of Rockville, MD. Beloved husband of the late Dr. Jane J. Anderson; father of Frederick W. (Colleen), Eric Richmond (Anita Durall), Alida Lorraine Anderson (Florencio Lennox Campello), and the late Greta Jean Anderson; grandfather of William, Greta (Anderson Johns), and Caroline Anderson, Anderson Lennox Campello; brother of Douglas (Dena) Anderson.

Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD, (Valet Parking), Monday, January 2, 2023, from 3 to 5 p.m. Graveside Service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, on Wednesday, January 4 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greta J. Anderson Endowed Scholarship Fund, Sidwell Friends School (www.sidwell.edu.support-us/make-a-gift; please select "other" and add the Greta J. Anderson '86 Endowed Scholarship Fund) or the Montgomery College Foundation for the William and Jane Anderson Scholars Scholarship (montgomerycollege.edu/onlinegiving; please select "give to a scholarship fund" and enter the William and Jane Anderson Scholars Scholarship in "other") (9221 Corporate Blvd, Rockville, Maryland 20850).

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DUBILL

JOSEPH ANDREW DUBILL

Joseph Andrew Dubill, 91, passed away on December 20, 2022, accompanied by his children in his last hours.

Born in the coal mining town of Simpson, Pa., to John and Sophie Dubill, he graduated from Fell Township High School and Lackawanna Business College.

He began his 38-year career in communications and logistics with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., including 6 months of service with the U.S. Army. Early overseas assignments included Japan and Nicosia, Cyprus, where he met and married Marlene Leckey in 1959. They raised three children in Vienna, VA and Alice Springs, Australia.

Joe enjoyed traveling, volunteering, photography, sports, model trains, polka music, gardening, his swim group, fellow retiree gatherings, and especially frequent restaurant dinners with his wife.

Survivors include two daughters, Paula and Patricia; one son, Thomas (Irene); one cousin, Robert Dubill (Mary), one sister-in-law, Vona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marlene, and his sister Bertine. His celebration of life service will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd. SE, Vienna, VA 22182. Visitation is at 10 a.m., mass is at 11 a.m. followed by a lunch reception at 12 p.m. Interment is at 2 p.m., Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Please sign our online guestbook at:

www.moneyandking.com

DEATH NOTICE

CAVE

WILLIAM MACKENZIE CAVE

The Honorable William MacKenzie Cave, Circuit Court for Montgomery County (retired), born February 4, 1934, died on December 20, 2022 after a long and note-worthy life. Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he was raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. He was a graduate University Of Maryland and University Of Maryland Law School. After serving his country in the Army in the early 1950s and a brief stint in private practice, Bill became Deputy States Attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1971 he was appointed by Governor Marvin Mandel to the District Court of Maryland (at that time the youngest person ever to have been given that honor). Six years later he was appointed to Montgomery County Circuit Court , where he served until his retirement in December 1995. Respected and admired by the legal community, he was considered a fair and thoughtful member of the judiciary.

He took great joy in the company of others, and was always the life of the party. An avid although not particularly accurate golfer, after his retirement he enjoyed playing in tournaments with various senior leagues, particularly Manor Club , and the Montgomery County Bar Association's semi-yearly outings. He loved to make others laugh. He was a good bridge player, a great ballroom dancer, and took delight in belting out his version of Danny Boy at annual St. Patrick's Day parties.

He was a lover of family, friends and animals. A kind and funny man blessed with a quick wit, a keen sense of humor and more jokes than one could count. He was a good man — a serious person who never took himself too seriously. He had lifelong friends and he had a long, long life.

He is survived by his wife, Ginny; his son, Darrin of Germantown, Md.; his daughter, Sherri Pulchasky (Richard) of Florence, Mass. and five grandchildren.

Interment will be private. There are no plans for a memorial service at this time.

DOLL

LILLA CLAIRE BAKER DOLL

Passed away at her home December 25, 2022 in Chevy Chase, MD. She was 97. Lilla (Lil) is survived by her husband of 69 years, Eric M. Doll; children Susan (John), Elizabeth (David) and Eric Gregory (Julie); grandchildren Natalie (Bo), Alexandra, James, Nicholas and Eliza; sister- and brother-in-law Barbara and Don Peterson and her extended families. Born in Savannah, Georgia in 1925, she graduated from Savannah High School and Armstrong College. She married Eric M. Doll in Savannah in 1953, where they lived until they relocated their family to Chevy Chase, MD in 1967. She worked for the Army Corps of Engineers, the High Blood Pressure Information Center and Clark Construction before retiring. An avid sports fan, she was known for her love of baseball and the Nationals. Lil was a talented pianist and passed her gift and love of music down to her children and grandchildren. Her fondness for her hometown of Savannah, the Georgia coast and the "amazing" live oak trees was only surpassed by her love for her family. The family matriarch, "Grammie" / "Meme" was adored by her children and grandchildren. She had a sharp wit, an active sense of humor and always greeted you with her sweet southern drawl, a hug and a smile. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 30, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Gawler's Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Private burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Historic Savannah Foundation at myHSF.org.

QUINN

PAUL C. QUINN

Dr. Paul Carroll Quinn died December 25, 2022 at the Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, VA, where he was active in the Catholic Community. The only son of William Bernard and Margaret Shaughnessy Quinn, Dr. Quinn was born in Utica, NY on February 11, 1931. He graduated from the Christian Brothers Academy-St. Francis de Sales High School in Utica, NY and enrolled in and graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. A veteran of the Korean War, he attended Georgetown University Dental School after his military service, graduating with honors in 1960. He taught at Georgetown University Dental School for over 25 years, attaining the rank of associate professor as well as maintaining a private dental practice in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County, VA for 34 years. Georgetown University awarded him their "Vicennallium" Medal for his service to their dental school. He leaves his best friend and loving wife, Rita Spaulding Quinn of 66 years, four daughters; Catherine Johnson of Alexandria, VA; Marguerite Zappa (John) of Chicago, IL; Patricia Murnane (Don) of Chatham, NJ; and Irene Winston (Marvin) of Springfield, VA; and his grandchildren, whom he was very fond of: Kelly Allman (Dave) of Annadale, VA; Anna Zappa, Tilden Winston, and Madeleine Winston, plus a great-granddaughter Abigail Allman. Dr. Quinn was a life member of the American Dental Association, the Virginia Dental Society, and the Northern Virginia Dental Society. He was a Fellow of the Virginia Dental Society and the Academy of General Dentistry, a member of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics, and the International College of Dentists, and attended the Institute of Advanced Dental Studies & Aesthetics, at the Pankey Institute. He was a member of Saint Raymond of Penafort Roman Catholic Church in Springfield, VA where friends may gather on Friday, December 30 beginning at 10 a.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers a donation in Paul C. Quinn's name can be made to Saint Mary's College Development Office, 110 Le Mans Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5001; (800) 762-8871. https://www.saintmarys.edu/about/invest-in-saint-marys

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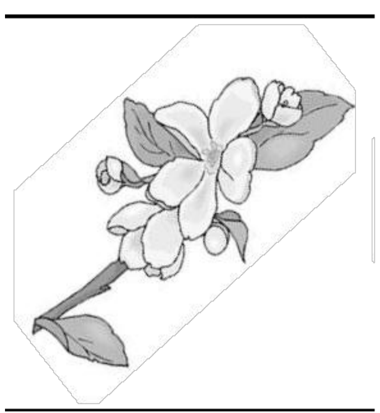

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3" - $490
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Black & White
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Color
3" - $628
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Color
3" - $665
4" - $760
5" - $926

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DEATH NOTICE

SHAMIM

AHMAD SHAMIM MD
August 17, 1931 to December 23, 2022

Doctor Ahmad Shamim was born in Hamadan, Iran to parents, Ali Asghar Shamim and Acieh Matini Shamim. Both his parents were educators. His father was a university professor and author and historian of Iran and world events and his mother was a grade school teacher.He was the second sibling with an older sister Iran and younger brother Iraj. When Ahmad was coming of age, his father suggested that Medicine would be a good fit. Ahmad graduated medical school in 1955 and came to the U.S. in 1957 and started his surgical internship in New York. After extensive training, including a Fellowship in Thoracic Surgery, Dr. Shamim started his private practice in Silver Spring, Maryland and in 1969 relocated to Laurel, Maryland. Dr. Shamim decided in 1976 to change his approach to health, and practice Holistic Medicine. In 2019, he celebrated his fiftieth year in practice at a reception with close to two hundred of his family, patients, and friends. Dr. Shamim enjoyed family trips to the beach and later travelling which included trips to the Great West and Europe and gardening, the symphony, and the arts. Dr. Shamim is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Elizabeth, his sons, Ahmad Shamim (Rebecca), Michael Shamim, and Philip Shamim; also grandsons Reilly, Will, Max, Stephen, and Alex Shamim, and relatives in Iran and the U.S..Services will include two days of visitation at Donaldson's Funeral Home, Laurel, Maryland Monday, January 2, 2023 and Tuesday, January 3, 2023 with session times of 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. both days and , and the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church, Laurel, Maryland at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon with burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, Maryland, arrival at 1 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at

www.donaldsonfuneralhome.com

WELSH

CAROL WARREN WELSH

Carol Warren Welsh, 51, of Sterling, VA died December 29, 2021, after living with Adult Ependymoma, a tumor of the brain and spine, for more than 21 years.

Carol was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend as well as an inspirational figure in the international brain tumor community, where she was known as "Super Survivor." Carol graduated from The Madeira School, and received her BA from Princeton University and her MBA from the College of William and Mary. She was an avid birder with a 300-bird life count. She was a dedicated runner, golfer, and swimmer. While at Princeton, she was instrumental in successfully fighting to upgrade the women's golf team from club status to Varsity status.

In 2004, Carol launched a website, http://adultependymomabraintumor.com, where she shared essays about her personal journey and information for other ependymoma sufferers and caregivers. Through the website, she connected with people around the world, offering comfort, insight, and resources. Her thoughtful essays provided a glimpse for others into the life of someone with hidden, and later not-so-hidden, disabilities. Over the years, she was the subject of numerous medical articles and interviews.

Survivors include her mother Anne Lyn Welsh of Potomac Falls, VA; her sisters Lyn Welsh Michell (Richard) of Durham, NC, Margaret Welsh (John Rooney) of Arlington, VA, and Elizabeth Welsh Lasko (Steve) of Reston, VA; her nephew Warren Michell of Raleigh, NC; and her godson Charlie Palmore, of Washington, DC. Her father, William Warren Welsh, died in 1997.

A celebration of Carol's life was held in March. To honor Carol and to support research into cures for brain tumors, please consider donating to or joining her Race for Hope team at http://www.braintumorcommunity.org/goto/CarolSuperSurvivor

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Deep blue skies

The streak of mighty decent weather keeps going. Clouds are few and skies are deep blue. Highs target the lower 50s with perhaps some mid-50s mixing in. Winds blow from the south about 5 mph.

Today
Mostly sunny

52° 35°
FEELS*: **52°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **5%**
WIND: **SSW 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Moderate**

Friday
Partly sunny

59° 44°
FEELS: **58°**
P: **5%**
W: **SSW 6–12 mph**
H: **Moderate**

Saturday
Showers

55° 50°
FEELS: **52°**
P: **100%**
W: **S 6–12 mph**
H: **High**

Sunday
Partly sunny

61° 43°
FEELS: **60°**
P: **15%**
W: **WNW 7–14 mph**
H: **Moderate**

Monday
Partly sunny

59° 48°
FEELS: **61°**
P: **5%**
W: **SSE 4–8 mph**
H: **Moderate**

Tuesday
Cloudy, shower

60° 55°
FEELS: **58°**
P: **60%**
W: **SSW 7–14 mph**
H: **Moderate**

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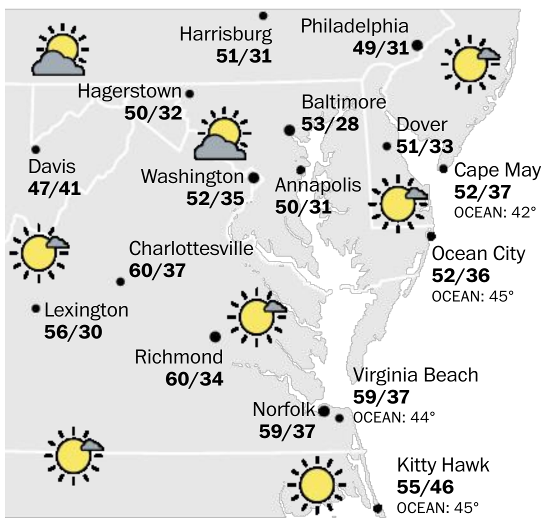


Pollen: Low
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Particulates

UV: Low
2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, mostly sunny. High 48 to 54. Winds west–southwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, clear, but clear to partly cloudy in northern parts. Low 37 to 41. Winds southwest 7–14 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High 50 to 54. Winds southwest 7–14 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly sunny. High 50 to 59. Winds south–southwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 34 to 38. Winds southwest 6–12 mph. Friday, brilliant sunshine. High 55 to 59. Winds south–southwest 6–12 mph.

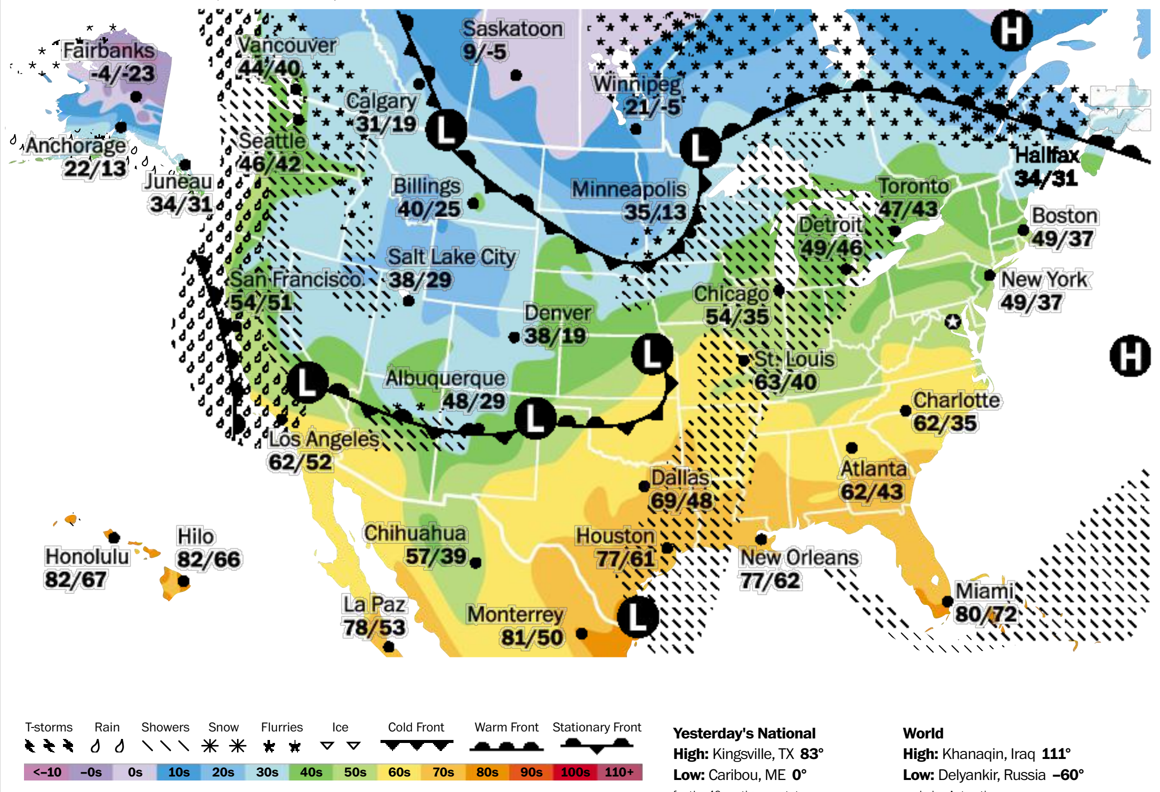
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind south–southwest 4–8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility generally clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind south 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 4.40 feet today, falling to 4.30 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**12:26 a.m.**	7:34 a.m.	**12:59 p.m.**	8:05 p.m.
Annapolis	4:12 a.m.	**10:16 a.m.**	4:18 p.m.	**10:36 p.m.**
Ocean City	6:11 a.m.	**12:22 p.m.**	6:53 p.m.	**none**
Norfolk	**2:03 a.m.**	8:23 a.m.	**2:24 p.m.**	8:49 p.m.
Point Lookout	12:30 a.m.	**6:08 a.m.**	12:26 p.m.	**6:31 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Kingsville, TX **83°**
Low: Caribou, ME **0°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Khanaqin, Iraq **111°**
Low: Delyankir, Russia **–60°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	45/35/pc	48/35/c
Albuquerque	48/29/pc	48/32/pc
Anchorage	22/13/pc	19/11/pc
Atlanta	62/43/s	62/54/sh
Austin	70/53/c	67/48/c
Baltimore	53/28/pc	59/41/pc
Billings, MT	40/25/s	39/30/c
Birmingham	65/49/s	66/57/t
Bismarck, ND	19/5/c	24/11/pc
Boise	39/33/c	40/32/sn
Boston	49/37/pc	53/42/s
Buffalo	48/43/c	51/43/c
Burlington, VT	46/40/c	50/43/c
Charleston, SC	70/51/s	69/55/pc
Charleston, WV	60/37/pc	64/43/pc
Charlotte	62/35/s	61/49/pc
Cheyenne, WY	35/22/pc	39/28/c
Chicago	54/35/sh	39/32/c
Cincinnati	54/49/c	53/48/sh
Cleveland	52/49/sh	53/46/sh
Dallas	69/48/c	65/45/c
Denver	38/19/c	38/29/c
Des Moines	50/22/c	41/26/pc
Detroit	49/46/sh	51/37/sh
El Paso	59/40/c	59/42/pc
Fairbanks, AK	–4/–23/pc	–17/–28/pc
Fargo, ND	21/–2/c	18/14/pc
Hartford, CT	49/31/pc	51/35/pc
Honolulu	82/67/s	82/70/pc
Houston	77/61/sh	70/53/r
Indianapolis	53/50/sh	53/44/sh
Jackson, MS	71/59/pc	66/59/r
Jacksonville, FL	71/50/s	74/58/pc
Kansas City, MO	61/30/c	47/30/s
Las Vegas	55/40/c	57/49/c
Little Rock	68/57/c	60/46/r
Los Angeles	62/52/c	61/53/c
Louisville	58/52/c	58/51/sh
Memphis	64/55/sh	60/51/t
Miami	80/72/pc	81/71/pc
Milwaukee	52/35/sh	39/31/c
Minneapolis	35/13/sn	25/21/c
Nashville	60/49/c	64/53/sh
New Orleans	77/62/pc	70/62/r
New York City	49/37/pc	53/44/s
Norfolk	59/37/s	59/50/s
Oklahoma City	64/32/c	55/38/pc
Omaha	40/22/c	44/28/pc
Orlando	77/60/s	79/64/pc
Philadelphia	49/31/pc	55/42/s
Phoenix	63/51/c	63/49/c
Pittsburgh	51/44/pc	54/44/c
Portland, ME	40/27/pc	47/37/pc
Portland, OR	47/44/sh	53/42/r
Providence, RI	50/33/pc	53/41/s
Raleigh, NC	63/36/s	64/48/pc
Reno, NV	43/38/c	52/43/r
Richmond	60/34/s	63/45/s
Sacramento	51/48/sh	55/52/r
St. Louis	63/40/sh	44/35/c
St. Thomas, VI	85/76/pc	84/74/pc
Salt Lake City	38/29/pc	39/35/sh
San Diego	62/50/c	63/55/c
San Francisco	54/51/r	60/54/r
San Juan, PR	85/74/s	85/74/sh
Seattle	46/42/sh	49/42/r
Spokane, WA	36/32/sh	38/31/sn
Syracuse	52/42/c	56/42/c
Tampa	79/63/s	79/67/pc
Wichita	52/26/pc	47/32/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	69/46/pc	72/45/s
Amsterdam	51/41/c	52/49/r
Athens	63/50/s	61/49/pc
Auckland	77/63/pc	78/63/pc
Baghdad	63/42/pc	62/41/pc
Bangkok	88/70/pc	87/68/pc
Beijing	36/13/s	38/15/pc
Berlin	55/40/c	47/43/c
Bogota	68/45/sh	70/48/r
Brussels	51/40/c	53/51/r
Buenos Aires	80/69/s	91/71/s
Cairo	68/54/s	70/52/s
Caracas	74/63/pc	74/64/sh
Copenhagen	48/41/sh	44/41/c
Dakar	80/65/pc	81/68/pc
Dublin	45/41/sh	50/42/r
Edinburgh	44/37/c	47/40/r
Frankfurt	53/40/sh	52/49/r
Geneva	52/44/c	51/44/r
Ham., Bermuda	70/64/s	70/63/s
Helsinki	34/32/c	38/33/c
Ho Chi Minh City	90/70/pc	89/68/pc
Hong Kong	65/53/s	65/54/s
Islamabad	56/46/sh	62/39/pc
Istanbul	54/45/s	55/48/s
Jerusalem	57/43/s	57/43/s
Johannesburg	77/58/t	66/53/t
Kabul	39/27/r	45/25/s
Kingston, Jam.	85/75/c	86/75/s
Kolkata	77/53/pc	76/54/s
Kyiv	38/32/pc	41/33/c
Lagos	87/73/pc	87/72/pc
Lima	77/67/pc	78/67/pc
Lisbon	63/59/sh	65/55/c
London	50/42/pc	54/49/r
Madrid	52/48/sh	56/36/c
Manila	80/76/sh	86/76/pc
Mexico City	69/50/c	67/52/c
Montreal	41/38/r	46/37/r
Moscow	30/22/sn	34/30/sn
Mumbai	89/72/pc	89/70/pc
Nairobi	77/58/r	79/56/c
New Delhi	70/52/pc	66/48/pc
Oslo	38/29/sf	40/35/sn
Ottawa	41/37/c	43/36/c
Paris	53/41/sh	58/56/r
Prague	50/40/c	46/39/pc
Rio de Janeiro	81/72/r	77/72/r
Riyadh	64/47/s	55/47/c
Rome	63/51/pc	64/49/c
San Salvador	88/67/pc	87/68/s
Santiago	90/57/s	84/61/s
Sarajevo	52/38/s	52/38/sh
Seoul	32/16/s	33/16/s
Shanghai	47/34/c	51/33/c
Singapore	85/74/t	86/75/c
Stockholm	41/39/sh	41/35/c
Sydney	74/67/c	77/65/r
Taipei City	63/58/r	62/58/r
Tehran	50/34/s	50/34/s
Tokyo	55/41/s	51/40/c
Toronto	47/43/sh	51/40/c
Vienna	39/33/c	45/38/pc
Warsaw	48/40/c	46/36/c

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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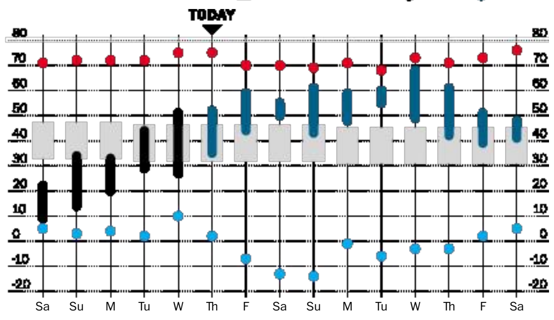
Temperatures

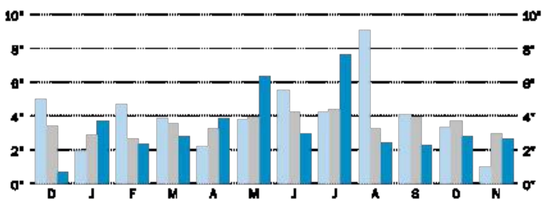


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**51°** 2:22 p.m.	**52°** 3:27 p.m.	**52°** 3:00 p.m.
Low	**27°** 6:11 a.m.	**21°** 7:18 a.m.	**21°** 6:27 a.m.
Normal	46°/32°	44°/27°	45°/27°
Record high	75° 1946	73° 1984	74° 1946
Record low	10° 1914	8° 1966	10° 2017

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.5°** yr. to date: **+0.0°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	3.68"	4.70"	4.49"
Normal	3.12"	3.03"	3.40"
Total this year	43.33"	40.51"	46.87"
Normal	41.53"	42.97"	44.69"
Snow, past 24 hours	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"
Snow, season total	Trace	Trace	Trace

Moon Phases

Dec 29 First Quarter · **Jan 6** Full · **Jan 14** Last Quarter · **Jan 21** New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:26 a.m.	4:54 p.m.
Moon	11:59 a.m.	none
Venus	8:37 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Mars	2:37 p.m.	5:38 a.m.
Jupiter	11:40 a.m.	11:40 p.m.
Saturn	10:03 a.m.	8:27 p.m.

Raskin shares cancer diagnosis, says he'll keep working

RASKIN FROM **B1**

He said he would continue to work during treatment but has been cautioned by doctors to reduce unnecessary exposure to the coronavirus, flu and other viruses.

Raskin, 60, added that with "the benefit of early detection," as well as his family, staff and friends, he plans to "to get through this and, in the meantime, to keep making progress every day in Congress for American democracy."

"My love and solidarity go out to other families managing cancer or any other health condition in this holiday season," he said, " — and all the doctors, nurses and medical personnel who provide us comfort and hope."

This is not Raskin's first battle with cancer. In 2010, he underwent radiation and chemotherapy as he fought Stage 3 colon cancer.

In 2021, he underwent an MRI exam to identify a growth on his stomach that turned out to be a benign cyst, he told The Washington Post for a profile a year ago.

Raskin, who won reelection last month with more than 80 percent of the vote, this month was elected ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee. He was thrust into the national spotlight last year after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) tapped him to lead the Trump impeachment trial.

The Jan. 6 Capitol riot came just days after Raskin's 25-year-old son, Thomas Bloom Raskin, a student at Harvard Law School, died by suicide. Raskin accepted the high-profile assignment to make the case for impeachment, saying he channeled his love for his son into defending a vulnerable democracy.

Raskin has long had a loyal following in Maryland, and many politicos and constituents expressed encouragement to the lawmaker after his cancer announcement.

"As our nation has seen over the past six years, Jamie Raskin is a fighter," Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich (D), recently endorsed by Raskin, said in a statement. "And now as he prepares to fight cancer once again, we send him and his family the love, the support and the hope that they have always given to us."

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Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.) has seen his national profile rise via the Trump impeachment trial and the probe into the Capitol riot.

Rep. David Trone (D-Md.) on Twitter also called Raskin a "fighter," adding: "Jamie, we are with you every step of the way."

Maryland Gov.-elect Wes Moore (D) tweeted that Raskin "embodies what it means to persevere in the face of overwhelming challenges."

"My friend, we are praying for you and we know you will overcome this challenge as you have the rest," Moore said.

Maryland's outgoing Gov. Larry Hogan (R), who had his own battle with lymphoma, also voiced support.

"We are relieved to hear that he and his doctors are optimistic about his prognosis," Hogan tweeted.

MARYLAND

Baltimore backs $1 million for developer in line to purchase Harborplace

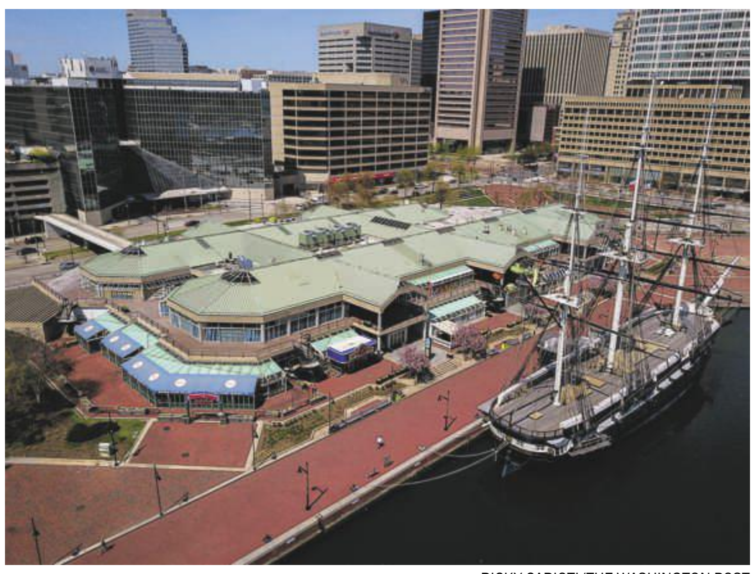
BY GIACOMO BOLOGNA

BALTIMORE — Baltimore said in legal filings that it wants to give $1 million to the private developer that will soon own the troubled Harborplace in the Inner Harbor, making good on comments made by Mayor Brandon Scott this year.

In a May speech to the Downtown Partnership, Scott (D) said his administration would commit $1 million to David Bramble, whose firm MCB Real Estate has spent months lining up the purchase of Harborplace. The twin mall-like pavilions have been losing money for years under out-of-state ownership. As restaurants and stores fled, Harborplace defaulted on a $76 million loan in 2019 and fell into receivership, a legal process typically used to avoid bankruptcy.

A judge recently approved a deal for MCB to buy Harborplace. Court documents did not disclose the planned sales price but did include a Sept. 1 filing from the mayor and City Council.

"The City of Baltimore believes prompt approval of the proposed sale to the Purchaser is in the best interests of the City and its residents," the filing said. "The City is considering and favorably inclined to provide $1 million in pre-development capital to the Purchaser to assist in reimaging and revitalizing Harborplace."



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Harborplace could also benefit from state funding approved by the General Assembly to renovate Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Bramble, MCB's managing partner, did not respond to a request for comment for this report.

Bramble has built a portfolio in recent years that includes developments in Baltimore and elsewhere. His company is behind the Yard 56 project in Greektown, which tapped the first federal opportunity zone investment to the city, and acquired a portion of Clipper Mill and the Rotunda development.

MCB Real Estate redeveloped Northwood Plaza Shopping Center near Morgan State University as Northwood Commons, where German grocer Lidl recently opened its first store in Baltimore.

Bramble was also on Scott's transition team when the mayor was elected in 2020. Since 2019, Bramble has donated $20,000 to the election committees of city officials and state lawmakers who represent Baltimore, including $5,000 to City Council President Nick Mosby (D) and $5,000 to council member Zeke Cohen (D).

Peter Pinkard, another MCB managing partner, has donated $5,000 to Scott's election committee.

A spokesperson for Comptroller Bill Henry (D) said the proposed $1 million has not yet come before the Board of Estimates, which oversees city spending. Bramble donated $1,000 to Henry's campaign committee in 2020.

"I appreciate the importance of the Inner Harbor to downtown Baltimore and am supportive of the City assisting in its redevelopment," Henry said in a statement.

In addition to the $1 million expected from the city, the redevelopment of Harborplace could benefit from $166 million in state funding the General Assembly approved to renovate the Inner Harbor and its attractions and boost downtown Baltimore.

Of that money, $67.5 million was set aside for making over the Inner Harbor promenade, where the Harborplace pavilions stand along Pratt and Light streets, and Bramble will have a major role in deciding how it is spent.

MCB spent $70,000 on four lobbyists from Harris Jones & Malone to lobby for that money, according to disclosure forms the lobbyists filed with the state ethics commission. Late last year, MCB donated $5,000 to Senate President Bill Ferguson (D-Baltimore City). Ferguson has spoken positively about Bramble's plans to redevelop Harborplace.

As outlined in a bill passed this year, the $67.5 million to upgrade the promenade will be split into three tranches, with $7.5 million coming this fiscal year and $30 million authorized in advance for each of the next two fiscal years. The legislature could cancel those funds in upcoming sessions.

In October, Pinkard donated $6,000 apiece to the Democratic caucus committees of the House and Senate.

Turning around Harborplace is seen as a key part of revitalizing downtown Baltimore.

The 42-year-old pavilions opened in 1980 under the administration of Mayor William Donald Schaefer (D) and were developed by the firm of James Rouse, an influential Maryland developer and urban planner who built similar festival marketplaces up and down the East Coast and also established Columbia in Howard County.

Harborplace is built on city-owned land.

New York-based Ashkenazy Acquisitions bought Harborplace a decade ago for about $100 million and promised major renovations before defaulting on its debt as the pavilions struggled.

An appraisal conducted in the summer put the market value of Harborplace at $45.8 million and its liquidation value at $27.5 million. At the time of the appraisal, Harborplace was leasing just 38 percent of the more than 156,000 square feet available.

The appraisal recommended demolishing the pavilions and building mixed-use towers that include apartments.

— Baltimore Sun

ESSAY

We've lost it. Our luggage and our sanity.

BY DAN ZAK

No flights, no rental cars, no Christmas, but luggage everywhere. Everywhere! Everywhere *but where we need it*. Luggage lined up in Dallas terminals like dwarf soldiers in a nightmare reveille. Rings of luggage encircling empty carousels in Chicago, in a kind of artistic commentary on capitalism and modern itinerancy. (Medium: thermoplastic polymer on wheels.)

At times like these, our physical luggage becomes our emotional baggage.

A nation's stuff, squeezed and zippered and then entrusted to the delicate ballet of air travel, has been mislaid and orphaned this week. All those wrapped Christmas gifts. All those pairs of cotton-blend underwear. All the wrinkled, sundry, intimate objects that we need, but not enough to carry on our person.

In oceans of rectangle, across the country, the handles of luggage are clicked up, as if they're raising their hands to be claimed by frantic parents.

Lord, what a mess. Tens of thousands of flights were canceled this past week because of apocalyptic weather and a breakdown of human systems. On Wednesday, there were more than 2,800 canceled flights within, into or out of the United States, according to FlightAware. On Tuesday — with more travelers (2.16 million) passing through Transportation Security Administration checkpoints than the same day in 2019 — there were more than 3,200 cancellations. It's impossible to say how many bags were lost, even momentarily, but consider this:

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ISTOCK

Buffalo airport workers rally to feed travelers during blizzard

BY ANDREA SACHS

Over Christmas weekend, Erik Maida's backup plan was to serve his guests peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Fortunately, the retail department manager at Buffalo Niagara International Airport was able to rustle up enough prepackaged food options — plus such Sunday football fare as chicken fingers and french fries — to feed the nearly 200 people stranded at the facility during Western New York's deadliest blizzard in 50 years.

"We were thinking, okay, if this [storm] continues, at some point we are going to run out of grab-'n'-go sandwiches. As a last resort, we were going to crank out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, because peanut butter and jelly can get you through the day," said Maida, who manages the airport's shops for Delaware North, which runs food service and retail operations in nearly two dozen U.S. airports.

When Maida showed up at work Friday morning, he was not prepared for what would transpire over the next three days: caring for 196 travelers, according to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority's count, who were trapped at the airport with few resources beyond the items packed in their luggage or stuffed inside their coat pockets.

But he rose to the challenge. Even though Maida's expertise is in retail, not food service, he assumed an emergency response role while the streets were impassable and the air-

SEE BUFFALO ON C2

MEMO

Hollywood's ready to roast the rich

'Glass Onion' and more serve up cathartic commentary on the distance between the 1 percent and the rest of us

BY SONIA RAO

'Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery" on multiple occasions practically begs its audience to dissect the imagery in its title. Though "Glass Onion" refers literally to an enormous glass pavilion on fictional billionaire Miles Bron's private island, it just as easily serves as a metaphor for the thin-skinned man himself, his carefully constructed persona so delicate it could shatter at any given moment. ¶ Played by Edward Norton, Miles is perhaps the biggest target of "Glass Onion," the second installment in a franchise launched by Rian Johnson's 2019 whodunit "Knives Out," which follows suit with a timely critique of the upper echelon. Whereas the original film lampooned Trump-era politics, "Glass Onion," now streaming on Netflix, arrives toward the end of a year plagued by billionaire fatigue. An aversion to the mega-rich seeped into all sorts of entertainment, even that produced by major studios.

SEE MEMO ON C8

Theo James, left, as Cameron Sullivan in HBO's "The White Lotus" and Edward Norton as Miles Bron in Netflix's "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery."

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RETROPOLIS

A 1934 mystery's pages were printed out of order. Now the world is obsessed.

BY HANNAH NATANSON

"Cain's Jawbone" is seductive.

The lissome little murder mystery retails for $15 and totals 100 pages. The novel's cover, depicting a murdered man's legs on a library floor, is an enticing blend of turquoise, bright yellow and pale orange. The book was written in 1934 by a British crossword master, and "the pages have been printed in an entirely haphazard order," the book jacket's cover declares, "but it is possible — through logic and intelligent reading — to sort them into the only correct order, revealing six murder victims and their respective murderers."

Just 100 pages? How hard could it be?

Then you start reading — and realize why only four people have solved the puzzle since its publication nearly nine decades ago.

"I stabbed once," declares Page 38, "and even as I did so, I thought of skinny old Marat in his slipper bath, the nightcap about his forehead, the dim light of the candle, the shadow at the door, the stealthy tread of Charlotte Brontë with the undulled blade."

"Had not the author of Wails of a Tayside Inn said of them that they were the living poems and that all the rest were dead?" asks Page 93. "Had not the singer of Wimpole Street said that they were binding up their hearts away from breaking with a cerement of the grave?"

And yet the long-ignored novel is witnessing an unexpected explosion of puzzle-solving popularity. It began when two Englishmen unearthed the text and decided to republish it in 2019; about a year later, a crossword author managed to become the fourth person in history to come up with the correct solution.

That earned a smidgen of media coverage — but things really took off when a TikTok user in San Francisco picked up the slim volume at her local bookstore and started posting videos about her attempts to solve it. Her first video, published in November 2021 and titled "i fear i may have girlbossed a bit too close to the sun," earned 6.6 million views. Within hours, "Cain's Jawbone" sold out on Amazon.

The craze has continued: As of early December, the book has sold 325,000

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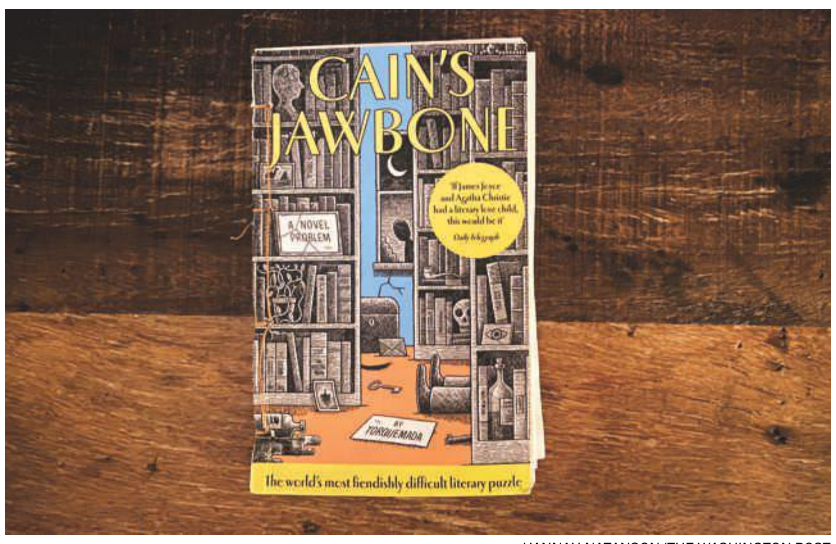

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A reporter's copy of "Cain's Jawbone," which has been cut apart and bound back together to try to figure out the correct page order — and its mysteries.

N.Y. airport workers help travelers trapped by blizzard

BUFFALO FROM **C1**

port was shuttered.

"At the end of the day, this all comes down to doing the right thing," said Maida, who started working at the airport in June 2021. "Their care and welfare were basically in our hands. They're relying on us."

When the weather started to turn dreadful Friday, Maida locked up all but one store, Jet Set West, and sent his five employees home. Around 11:30 a.m., about 90 minutes before NFTA officially closed the airport, he attempted to drive home. Like many in the city, he was on the road despite a travel ban. Sheets of ice and blankets of snow thwarted his escape.

In the whiteout, Maida ended up at the Enterprise car rental site, following a pair of blinking hazard lights back to the airport. He called Samhan Kahn, a retail supervisor for Delaware North who had fallen asleep in his car in the parking lot after his overnight shift, and urged him to return to the safety of the airport. They then shifted their focus to the passengers congregating in the lobbies before the security checkpoints.

"It was just a matter of us getting the food out to the people that were rescued, and it was just nonstop," Maida said.

Maida and Kahn initially served sandwiches to about 60 passengers whose flights had been canceled earlier that day. By midafternoon, the number had swelled to 196, after first responders started bringing in motorists rescued from the airport perimeter. According to Helen Tederous, an NFTA spokeswoman, the authority's police, firefighters and airfield crews spent Friday saving people trapped in their vehicles and providing them with such basic necessities as food, water and shelter.

"At the end of the day, this all comes down to doing the right thing."

Erik Maida, retail department manager at Buffalo Niagara International Airport

"Everyone at the airport went into a live-saving mode," she said. "NFTA employees did whatever they had to do to help."

Maida and Kahn, who had all of Delaware North's bars, restaurants and retail outlets at their disposal, checked the company's food and beverage stocks and started meal-planning. Fortunately, they had received a delivery that morning and had enough premade sandwiches on hand to stretch several days.

"Grab-'n'-go inventory really carried us," Maida said. "We were able to feed even the fire department and the NFTA police."

With the assistance of superintendents who were also on the premises, Maida and Kahn set up a dining schedule to provide free meals for their overnight guests, who had slept on cots and padded mats provided by the airport. Maida started brewing coffee at 6 a.m., and from 7 to 9, they served muffins thawed the night before and fruit.

A callout for anyone with restaurant experience landed them two travelers who knew their way around a commercial kitchen, especially the fryer. At around 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, they offered chicken tenders and french fries from the Anchor Bar. The sole vegetarian in the group dined on chicken Caesar salad with the protein plucked from the greens.

"This was us doing what we can to make sure people can survive," Maida said. "We would not charge anybody."

In addition, Maida assembled a Christmas care package for a family of six who were hunkered down at the nearby firehouse. The ad hoc Santa sent the four little ones, who ranged from 8 years old to 9 months, a Melissa & Doug activity book, stuffed plush buffalo, rubber buffalo stress ball and a onesie in the Buffalo Bills team colors of red, white and blue.

"He had all of the support from us," said Chris Chila, vice president of operations for Delaware North's travel division. "We could not be more proud of Erik and Sam."

On Sunday, the rescued party received word that the roads were clear enough for them to leave the airport in the early evening. Maida sent them off with sandwiches. He returned home the following morning to celebrate a belated Christmas.

"My family was really upset when they woke up Sunday morning. They said it just did not feel like Christmas," he said. Later, Maida said, his wife and 9-year-old son told him that "it literally felt like Christmas" when they knew he was finally on his way back.

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DELAWARE NORTH

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Fordham Avenue, center, and a Buffalo neighborhood are coated in a blanket of snow Tuesday; Delaware North's Samhan Kahn, left, and Erik Maida; Delaware North workers assembled a Christmas care package for a family that was stranded at a nearby firehouse.

Late presents, unused undies: Amid flight cancellations, so much lost luggage

ESSAY FROM **C1**

On a normal day, TSA screens approximately 1.4 million checked bags.

On Christmas Day, one of those bags belonged to Jazmin English, a 26-year-old paralegal from Old Bridge, N.J. Her evening flight on United Airlines from Newark to Tampa was delayed three times, then canceled. She says she waited in line for customer service from 11:44 p.m. Sunday to 10 a.m. Monday, only to be told that the bag couldn't be tracked. She joined a horde of other travelers searching through scores of bags that airline employees were unloading from canceled flights. She waited another four hours at a baggage service counter, only to be told that: Her. Bag. Was. In. Tampa.

"I said: 'Sir, how can my luggage be in Tampa if I'm here? There's no way you guys sent an empty plane to Tampa with bags after I was told all my flights are canceled,'" says English, who spent 26 sleepless hours in the airport before calling it quits.

"Generally speaking, I am not an emotional person," she says. "But after I had finally gotten home on Monday night, I literally broke down. I had an anxiety attack. I was exhausted. It's not like I was sitting around. I was running from terminal to terminal. I took the AirTrain maybe three times. I was literally depleted on every level."

As of Wednesday afternoon, her bag remained unaccounted for.

The majority of canceled flights Tuesday belonged to Southwest Airlines, whose outmoded software for scheduling crews and checking bags was responsible for cascading delays.

It was a despicable performance at an already stressful time, says a former senior manager at American Airlines, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to criticize both the industry and its passengers.

"At the holiday season, where you've got your presents, you've packed your extra diapers and baby formula, and you were bringing Grandma's special scarf for the family picture, the emotional aspect of not being with your luggage at this time is higher than any other season," says the former manager. "And seeing those pictures of lost luggage would give me a heart attack if I thought Grandma's scarf was somewhere in there. I think it's going to be weeks in some places before people get their baggage back."

And?

"And the people who checked their house keys and their medicine? I want to say to the customer: You should take some ownership of this," the former manager says.

JIM LO SCALZO/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Baggage sits unclaimed Wednesday at Baltimore-Washington International Marshall Airport. A day earlier saw more than 3,200 canceled flights within, into or out of the country — and many lost bags.

The whoopsie-daisy of airline technology was exacerbated by the precision of iPhone technology. A family from Chattanooga, Tenn., made it to Vail, Colo., for a ski vacation, but their goggles and gaiters didn't. They knew exactly where the luggage was — at the baggage center at the Denver airport — because Dad had AirTagged it with his iPhone. It showed up on an his Find My app as a heart-eyed-cat emoji plotted on an aerial map of the airport.

"I can see where our luggage is at DEN, why can't y'all deliver it?" Dad tweeted Wednesday.

"The team in DEN is working to get the bags were they belong ASAP," American Airlines replied. "Thanks for your patience."

Patience! We've lost that in transit, too.

Also AirTagged at the Denver airport: a bag belonging to Jon Ostrower, editor in chief of the Air Current. On Christmas, he flew with his family from Seattle on Alaska Airlines. Three of their checked bags made it on time. One, inexplicably, did not. But it's there now, there *still*, in luggage jail, because the humans who run the operation are too overwhelmed to figure out how to make it available for its owner.

This is the painful paradox of the moment: One of the great modern conveniences is capable of propagating mass inconvenience.

Air travel "is so unimaginably complex," says Ostrower, who estimates that he flies between 75,000 and 100,000 miles a year. "No one person can wrap their head around all of it: whether it's the airplane, the baggage system, the networks that exist to operate airlines, the financials. If people knew how complex the system was and what it takes to get an airplane off the ground, they either wouldn't complain or they'd never fly."

But.

"But when you arrive at your destination and your kids are tired and you haven't eaten in a while and it's cold outside and it's a holiday and you just want to get where you're going, the last thing anyone cares about is the complex marvel of the U.S. airline system."

Just 4 have ever solved obscure British novel's puzzle

AUSTEN HUGHES

Kenna Hughes-Castleberry works on "Cain's Jawbone." The Colorado woman is trying to solve the 1934 novel's puzzle using artificial intelligence.

RETROPOLIS FROM **C1**

copies and is being translated into 12 languages, according to John Mitchinson, one of the two Britons who discovered the text and who printed it through his crowdfunded publishing company, Unbound.

The novel has united people around the world in an obsessive quest to unearth the answer, generating online communities, prompting many to turn rooms of their homes into "murder walls" plastered with book pages — and inspiring one woman in Colorado to propose an artificial-intelligence-based method for solving the novel, which is still in the trial phase.

"It's been a bestseller in Italy, it's selling incredibly well in France," Mitchinson said. "I am still just baffled that it's selling in these quantities."

Added Patrick Wildgust, curator of a literary museum in York who partnered with Mitchinson to republish "Cain's Jawbone": "This has hit home. I don't know why."

'Cult thing for literary people'

"Cain's Jawbone" was written by Edward Powys Mathers, known in Britain as the father of the cryptic crossword, a form of crossword — largely nonexistent in the United States — in which the crossword clues themselves contain the answers but in an encoded or encrypted form. These word puzzles are devilishly difficult, and Mathers became the undisputed king of the genre in the early 20th century.

Under the nom de plume "Torquemada" — a pseudonym he adopted to imply he would be as cruel to readers as Spanish Grand Inquisitor Tómas de Torquemada — Mathers penned 670 crosswords for the Observer newspaper over the course of his career. His cryptics became known internationally: Each week, thousands of people would submit solutions from places as far away as Alaska and West Africa, according to the online magazine Mental Floss.

In 1934, Mathers issued a compendium of his work, titled "Torquemada Puzzle Book." Tacked onto the end of the book was "Cain's Jawbone." Torquemada announced a contest to solve the book in the Observer, promising successful entrants a prize of 25 pounds, or roughly $2,500 today.

The challenge drew two solvers in its first year, according to Wildgust: "W.S. Kennedy" and "S. Sydney-Turner." (In an odd freak of literary fate, the second solver appears to be Saxon Sydney-Turner, a friend of Virginia Woolf and the least-known member of the Bloomsbury circle, a man dismissed by the biographers of his more famous friends as "taciturn, pedantic, fussily jocose" and "brilliant in a crossword puzzle-solving kind of way.")

But after that, the world forgot "Cain's Jawbone."

Until one wet afternoon in November 2016 when Mitchinson came to sip tea with Wildgust at Shandy Hall, the museum where Wildgust has spent years amassing an impressive collection of unusual literature.

That afternoon, he showed Mitchinson "Cain's Jawbone." Wildgust had attempted to solve it a few times but gotten nowhere.

Mitchinson was intrigued. He tried to solve it himself but gave up after scanning 40 pages of what looked like nonsense. Wildgust told Mitchinson that he had managed to unearth the solution by trawling through his vast network of booksellers, and ultimately locating an elderly man in a nursing home who still had both his own answers and a signed note from Torquemada himself congratulating him for getting it right. (The nursing home resident, whose name has not been shared publicly, brought the total number of solvers up to three.)

All of this gave Mitchinson an idea.

"I thought, 'We ought to be able to sell this,'" Mitchinson recalled. "I was pretty sure we'd sell 5,000 copies at most. . . . I thought this could become a kind of cult thing for literary people."

In its first year on the market in 2019, "Cain's Jawbone" sold roughly 4,000 copies. Mitchinson and Wildgust also launched a contest, offering anyone who developed the correct answers by Sept. 19, 2020, a prize of 1,000 pounds.

It drew 12 submissions. To Mitchinson and Wildgust's shock, one of them was right.

'Nearly impossible task'

British comedian, writer and crossword author John Finnemore stumbled across "Cain's Jawbone" just before the pandemic hit.

"I swiftly concluded that it was way out of my league, and the only way I'd even have a shot at it was if I were for some bizarre reason trapped in my own home for months on end, with nowhere to go and no one to see," Finnemore told the Guardian. "Unfortunately, the universe heard me."

Finnemore, who did not respond to an interview request, told the Guardian he spent about four months during lockdown working to solve the novel, laying out its pages across a spare bed in his home. He religiously Googled anything and everything referenced in the novel but remained stymied for weeks. Eventually,

SARAH SCANNELL

Sarah Scannell has a bedroom "murder wall" devoted to solving the book. Her work sparked a craze on TikTok — and in bookstores.

something clicked — although Finnemore, wary of revealing the solution, has said little about his methods.

"There's a major thing you realize about it, and you go, 'Oh, I see,'" Finnemore told the podcast "This Is Love."

By coincidence, it was Finnemore's birthday when he answered a phone call from Mitchinson telling him he had gotten the answer right. Finnemore's feat drew a buzz of media attention and reader interest, mostly in Britain, and Mitchinson decided he might as well print another round of books and open the contest again for 2021.

Almost a year later, halfway across the world in San Francisco, 25-year-old Sarah Scannell came across the novel while browsing in Green Apple Books. Scannell, who works for a documentary production company, didn't buy it, thinking it would be too difficult.

"But then I wound up thinking about it for a full month," she said, "so I walked back and got it."

Taking advantage of an empty space in her bedroom, Scannell grouped pages by what she hoped were appropriate categories and pasted bunches of them to the wall with blue tape. She pinned yarn between pages to illustrate possible connections.

She started filming and posting her progress to TikTok, the social media app she downloaded during the pandemic and on which she had amassed 30,000 followers. Her first video is just 15 seconds.

"I found this murder mystery book from 1934 where you have to figure out the six killers and their victims, but all the pages are printed out of order," she says in the video, "so I've decided to take this nearly impossible task as an opportunity to fulfill a literally lifelong dream and turn my entire bedroom wall into a murder board." Then the camera pans up to her page-splattered wall.

Within 12 hours, her video had drawn more than half a million views — and her follower count soon soared to upward of 70,000. Twenty-four hours later, the book had sold out on Amazon and was back-ordered at Green Apple Books, Scannell said.

Within a week, U.S. orders topped 10,000, and Canadian orders spiked to more than 3,000, according to the Bookseller. Scannell's friends who work in bookstores texted her to complain about the sudden influx of frustrated customers.

But in England, Mitchinson and Wildgust were thrilled. Eleven days after Scannell published her video, they announced plans to print 10,000 paperback copies. The following month, they printed 70,000 more — followed by additional print runs in the tens of thousands. By the end of this year, Mitchinson predicts, both Unbound and Shandy House will see thousands of pounds in profits; the two entities are evenly splitting the money pot. Wildgust plans to use the windfall to augment his rare-book collection.

Mitchinson and Wildgust have also reopened the contest to solve the book, and plan to hold another in 2023. For this year, those who submit the correct answers by Dec. 31, 2022, will earn a prize of $300 to spend on other Unbound publications.

Scannell will not be entering. "I am honestly not close to submitting," she said. But she plans to keep working on it.

Waiting

At this point, I must confess: I am one of the people who fell under the novel's spell.

My boyfriend and I turned the walls of our staircase into a shrine to "Cain's Jawbone," pinning up slabs of pages. For months, we walked up and down the steps, shuffling and reshuffling the order. I downloaded a PDF of the novel onto my phone and printed out physical copies that I kept with me wherever I went. I read and reread the book everywhere: on the exercise bike, during my Metro ride to work, covertly at social gatherings.

Hunting for clues, I read (almost) all of Shakespeare's plays and checked out library books about 1930s-era London and about its notable figures. And we traversed odd crevices of the internet: One morning, I came downstairs to find my boyfriend poring over an online PDF of a medieval Italian manuscript about the Catholic Church.

On Friday, Oct. 28, at 4:12 p.m., after five months of obsessive effort, we emailed in what we fervently hope is the correct solution. Now we're just waiting to find out if we've cracked "Cain's Jawbone."

BOOK WORLD

New must-listen audiobooks include a true crime with a thriller's momentum

BY KATHERINE A. POWERS

Looking for a way to fill your winter days? New audiobooks include a true-crime classic that gets new life and a biography that justifies its some 36-hour length.

'Everything She Ever Wanted,' by Ann Rule

This account of the life and crimes of Pat Allanson was published 30 years ago but only now appears as an unabridged audiobook — and it's a doozy. Born in 1937 and brought up as the center of the universe by her mother and stepfather, Pat dreamed of becoming a reincarnation of "Gone With the Wind's" Scarlett O'Hara, the mistress of plantation estate and mansion, and the wife to Rhett Butler. After one failed marriage, she seduced Tom Allanson, six years her junior, and the two, tricked out as Scarlett and Rhett, married in 1974, setting themselves up on a hugely mortgaged horse farm. Narrator Cassandra Campbell's sweet, intoxicating voice conveys Pat's seductive powers, her indignant feelings when thwarted and her lethal charisma. Somehow, she managed the shooting deaths of Tom's parents, though it was Tom who paid with a long prison sentence. After that, the enterprising Pat tried arsenic to dispatch inconvenient people. Fast-paced and beautifully narrated in chilling detail, the book has a thriller's momentum and the depth of character of a novel. Except it's true. (Simon & Schuster Audio, Unabridged, 20⅓ hours.)

'The Blue Window,' by Suzanne Berne

Berne's fifth novel is an ever-deepening story of past deeds blighting the present, and it's a penetrating study of family relationships crippled by secrets. The story emerges from the perspectives of three main characters. There is Lorna, a divorced, middle-aged therapist abandoned when she was 7 by her mother. That is Marika, a difficult, cagey woman who had served in the Dutch resistance and bears her own hidden trauma. Finally, we have Adam, a 19-year-old recently returned from college harboring a shameful secret. He has fallen into a deadening depression, his nerdy, despondent voice captured by Graham Halstead, who brightens it up as the boy begins to emerge from his torment. Devon Sorvari gives us Lorna, characterized by Adam as pathetic, but whose strong I-can-fix-this voice says otherwise. Jackie Sanders portrays the perfect manipulator and grouch that is Marika. Flecked with occasional and welcome sparks of humor, this would be a completely satisfying audio production of a fine novel, except that a (presumably) revelatory passage toward the end of the book is in Dutch with, most distressingly, no translation given. (Available Jan. 10, Simon & Schuster Audio, Unabridged, 8 hours.)

'G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century,' by Beverly Gage

Gage's reassessment of J. Edgar Hoover, overlord of the FBI and one of the most powerful civil servants in American history, draws on material not accessible to earlier biographers. It merits its great length — which should get you through a good chunk of the winter — by seating the man firmly in historical circumstances, many of which he played some part in creating. She depicts the private man as a gay frequenter of night clubs and fast society who nonetheless "sought to enforce a vision of white Christian masculinity" in what became the FBI. By the end of World War II, Hoover was a lauded part of the New Deal and was revered for protecting civil rights. At the same time, he (and Franklin D. Roosevelt) hugely expanded the powers and scope of the FBI, most especially in surveillance and intelligence operations. This culminated in the 1956 inception of the notorious COINTELPRO and its numberless black-bag operations. Gabra Zackman narrates the book in an unhurried, strong, straightforward manner — law-abiding, too, as she clearly distinguishes between quoted passages and the general narrative. (Penguin Audio, Unabridged, 36⅔ hours.)

Katherine A. Powers reviews audiobooks every month for The Washington Post.

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS

PRIME VIDEO

Coach Prime (Prime Video) This documentary series captures the third and final year of Deion Sanders as head coach of Jackson State football, which culminated in a 12-0 record and a SWAC championship in 2022.

Blood Relations (ID at 8) When a couple is killed outside a church after visiting their daughter, investigators discover an underbelly of deceit.

Christina on the Coast (HGTV at 8) Childhood sweethearts ask for Christina's help to make their small kitchen into a spacious indoor-outdoor entertainment area. Christina readies to expand her business.

Siesta Key (MTV at 8) Amanda's actions annoy Juliette and Chloe. Jordana starts listening to her friends' advice, which strains her relationship with Sam.

MTV Cribs (MTV at 9) An intimate view of the homes of NSYNC founder Chris Kirkpatrick, fashion designer Betsey Johnson and model Jaime King.

Interrogation Raw (A&E at 10) Authorities must determine whether a woman who traveled with a serial killer was a victim or an accomplice, and a man admits to killing a college student.

House Hunters (HGTV at 10:01) A newly married couple wants to start a family and looks for a home in Chicago. He doesn't mind spending money, but she has her eye on the bottom line.

PREMIERES

Brown and Friends (Netflix) In this children's show, friends hang out and engage in adventures at their local coffee shop.

SPECIALS

Popstar's Best of 2022 (CW at 8) Elizabeth Stanton chronicles the year's most memorable moments.

Hillsong: The Newest Revelations (TLC at 10) This special dives into the claims surrounding the megachurch Hillsong and founder Brian Houston.

RETURNING

Restaurant: Impossible (Food at 8) Season 20.

Rise of Empires: Ottoman (Netflix) Season 2.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

12/29/22	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	◆**NBC News**	◆**Hollywood**	◆**The Wheel**		Law & Order	Law & Order	(10:13) Law & Order		**News**	◆Tonight Show
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	Fox 5's Like	◆**TMZ**	◆Hell's Kitchen		◆Welcome to	◆Call Me Kat	**Fox 5 News at 10**		**News**	**The Final**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆**Wheel**	◆**J'pardy!**	◆Celebrity Jeopardy!		◆The Parent Test		◆Celebrity Wheel of Fortune		**News**	◆J. Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	**Eats**	◆**ET**	◆Sheldon	(8:31) ◆Ghosts	(9:01) ◆So Help Me Todd		◆So Help Me Todd		**9 News**	◆Late-Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	◆La rosa de Guadalupe		◆**Vencer la ausencia**		◆**Mi camino es amarte**		◆**La madrastra**		Noticias	◆**Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆Family Feud	◆Family Feud	**Fox 5 News On the Plus**		◆Family Feud	◆Family Feud	Big Bang	Big Bang	◆Dateline	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	BBC News	Greek Table	The Musketeers		The Seaside Hotel		Broadchurch		Farm-Harvest	Connection
26.1 WETA (PBS)	◆**PBS NewsHour**		Agatha Christie's Marple			Agatha Christie's Marple			**Amanpour-Co**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	DW News	Good	POV			POV Shorts	An Evening With E. Graves		World News	Attachments
50.1 WDCW (CW)	DraftKings	Neighbor	◆**Popstar's Best of 2022**		◆Masters of	◆Masters of	**DC News Now**		◆Seinfeld	◆Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	

CABLE CHANNELS

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		**Critical Minutes**		**Interrogation Raw**		The First 48	
AMC	(5:00) Movie: The Rock		Movie: The Green Mile ★★★ (1999)							
Animal Planet	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	
BET	Django	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	Movie: Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls ★★ (2007)					Martin
Bravo	The Day After Tomorrow		Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ★★★ (2001)							Day After
Cartoon Network	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick, Morty
CNN	**Erin Burnett OutFront**		**Anderson Cooper 360**		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		Anderson Cooper 360	
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park
Discovery	**Naked and Afraid XL**		Naked and Afraid XL				Naked and Afraid XL			
Disney	Chipmunks-Squeakquel		Hamster &	Hamster &	Big City	Ladybug	The Villains of Valley View		Chibiverse	Molly McGee
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
ESPN	**College Football:** Cheez-It Bowl				**College Football**: Valero Alamo Bowl: Texas vs Washington (Live)					
ESPN2	**Women's College Basketball**: LSU at Arkansas (Live)				**College Basketball**: Tulane at Cincinnati (Live)				**SportsCenter** (Live)	
Food Network	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	**Restaurant: Impossible**		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
Fox News	**Jesse Watters**		**Tucker Carlson Tonight**		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle**		**Gutfeld!**	
Freeform	Movie: The Secret Life of Pets ★★★ (2016)				Movie: Shrek Forever After ★★ (2010)				The 700 Club	
FX	(5:00) Movie: Iron Man		Movie: Bad Boys for Life ★★ (2020)					Movie: The Fate of the Furious ★★ (2017)		
Hallmark	Picture a Perfect Christmas		Movie: The Royal Nanny (2022)				Movie: Check Inn to Christmas (2019)			
Hallmark M&M	Time for You to Come Home		Movie: Holiday for Heroes (2019)				Movie: We Need a Little Christmas (2022)			
HBO	(6:05) Movie: District 9		Movie: The King's Man ★★ (2021)				Random Acts of Flyness		Random Acts	Borat
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	**Christina on the Coast**		Dream Home	Dream Home	**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**	Dream Home	Dream Home
History	Swamp People		**Swamp People: Blood and Guts**							
Lifetime	(6:00) Married at First Sight		**Married at First Sight**				(10:03) Movie: 27 Dresses ★★ (2008)			
MASN	**Wm. Basketball**		**Women's College Basketball:** Seminoles at Tar Heels				**Bensinger**	**Sports**	**Heartland Poker Tour**	
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With Chris Hayes**		**Alex Wagner Tonight**		**The Last Word With**		**11th Hour**	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	**Siesta Key**		**Cribs**	MTV Cribs	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Life Below Zero: Northern		Life Below Zero		**Life Below Zer**		**Life Below Zer**		Life Below Zero: The Thaw	
NBC SportsNet WA	**NHL Hockey**: Ottawa Senators at Washington Capitals (Live)					**Caps Postgame Live**		106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies		
Nickelodeon	Movie: Dr. Seuss' the Lorax ★★ (2012)				SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo** (Live)		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Yellowstone		(8:02) Yellowstone		(9:03) Yellowstone		(10:04) Yellowstone		Movie: Gladiator ★★★	
Syfy	(6:58) Movie: The Goonies ★★★ (1985)					Movie: Green Lantern ★★ (2011)				
TBS	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Movie: Ready Player One	
TCM	(7:15) MGM Parade		Movie: The Great Sinner ★★ (1949)				Movie: On the Beach ★★ (1959)			
TLC	**Hillsong: A Megachurch**		**Hillsong: A Megachurch Exposed**				**Hillsong: The Newest**		Sister Wives	
TNT	(5:30) Terminator: Dark Fate		Movie: Greenland ★★ (2020)					Movie: The Mummy Returns ★★ (2001)		
Travel	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		**Ghost Adventures**		**The Haunted Museum**		The Haunted Museum	
TruTV	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes
TV Land	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Unsung		Unsung		Unsung		Uncensored	
USA Network	The Fast and the Furious		Movie: Fast Five ★★ (2011)						Movie: Furious 7 ★★★	
VH1	Four Brothers	Movie: Get Rich or Die Tryin' ★★ (2005)					Movie: Next Friday ★★ (2000)			
WNC8	Cleaning!	The Fire	Govt. Matters	7News at 6	SportsTalk	**ABC News**	**News**	Govt. Matters	**The National Desk**	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ◆High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

How to respond to a spouse who keeps ruining events and then apologizing?

Miss Manners
JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: How do you respond when someone apologizes for a habitual offense?

My husband often behaves miserably at events that have more interest for me than for him. He destroyed a recent weekend getaway with my extended family by being argumentative, critical and moody. As we were nearing home, he apologized for being grumpy.

I had no idea how to respond. He is moody very often, and his behavior was not okay.

Your husband is, Miss Manners hopes, habitually apologizing for specific similar offenses. But he is not apologizing once for them all — a more-than-semantic distinction, as the latter might cover as-yet-uncommitted transgressions.

And this is the point.

After graciously accepting multiple apologies, no husband would be surprised that any spouse would say: "Thank you for apologizing, dear. But you must be as tired of doing that as I am of it being necessary. What can we do to ensure it doesn't happen again?"

Dear Miss Manners: A small college is in my will as a beneficiary, and the planned gift it would receive one day could conceivably be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

When the college's president was in town on a fundraising trip, he contacted me to see if we could meet for coffee or a meal. Since I know budgets are tight at his institution, I insisted he be my guest for dinner at a lovely, and not inexpensive, restaurant.

It's been nearly two weeks since we met, and I have yet to receive a thank-you note, email or text. I know everyone is busy, but are business thank-you notes now optional?

They are not optional, a fact Miss Manners is surprised that someone expecting something (your college president) forgot.

Dear Miss Manners: We live in a popular vacation area and often host friends and family for long weekends and even full-week stays. We're often asked to accommodate additional guests and sometimes even animals.

We have plenty of room, so that's not the issue; we really just don't want to. I've answered "sorry, no" with a smile, but have never done so without repeated challenges — being asked why, or having to rebut "but this is how it could work" arguments.

I can stick with "sorry, no," for about a half-dozen responses, but eventually end up telling them my reasons: I don't enjoy being in that person's company for more than two hours; I don't enjoy hosting people I barely know; your untrained dog pees in my house — and yes, I care more about my rugs than your dog being kenneled.

I have even told someone who explained that they had already issued the extended invitation that rescinding it was going to be awkward and uncomfortable for them. And "sorry, no" comes across as rude after the second or third time.

I know I'm failing in the politeness area, but I'm at a loss as to how to do better.

Not taking "no" for an answer is rude; repeating "I'm sorry, but we just can't" in the face of such pestering is, emphatically, not. Unless, of course, you insult their dog.

If you will settle in for repeating yourself, and stop confessing unpleasant truths, Miss Manners will support you against your assailants.

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Our neighbors' teen is vaping. Should we tell the parents or talk to the child?

Ask Amy
AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: For more than 15 years, we have lived next door to our wonderful neighbors. We're great friends with the parents and have been blessed to watch their three kids grow up. We count all five of them as family. All of their children, now teens, are good kids and good students.

More than a year ago, we noticed that one of the teens had started vaping. We strongly suspect that the parents are unaware. Our houses are close enough that we can see this young person vaping most evenings after dinner in one of their upstairs bathrooms (while leaving the shade open).

Now that the days are shorter, it's even easier to see, because this kid turns the lights on in the bathroom, opens a window, vapes and blows the smoke out. We know from personal experience what smoking can lead to, and we know that today's flavored vaping products are designed to attract kids.

We also know that both parents are antismoking.

We're torn as to whether we should tell the parents about this, thereby ratting on this young person, or whether we should ask this kid to pull the shade down every night (in which case the kid will know we know what's going on), which might inspire them to quit.

Our own adult children (in their 30s), home over Thanksgiving, reported that they noticed this teen vaping and that they were appalled. Our adult child (whom this teen reveres) wondered whether they should talk to the teen but ultimately didn't do so. What do you think we should do?

— Concerned Friends or Nosy Neighbors?

Concerned Neighbors: Surely you are not so removed from your own experience (when your kids were teens) that you've forgotten how important "the village" was to raising them?

Parents — especially close friends and neighbors — rely on one another to rat out the kids. It's part of the deal. Underage drinking, sneaking out to a party, cutting school (been there, parented through all of that): These are all examples of teen behavior that warrant a thoughtful, nonjudgmental, parent-to-parent report.

You've been watching this vaping for more than a year.

Talking directly to the teen would force the vaping into the basement or the other side of the house, the parents would never learn about it, the teen would continue to vape, and the teen would probably avoid you for the next decade or so.

Nicotine is addictive, and buying and possessing nicotine products is illegal for those under a certain age. (Note that this young person could be vaping any number of non-nicotine products.)

Tell the parents, one time, and let them decide what to do. Even if they respond defensively to you, this is something they should know about.

Dear Amy: Our community workout center provides showers and locker rooms for our swimming pool. We have a small family locker area, but most youngsters come into either the men's or women's locker areas.

One woman insists on walking naked around the shower area and the locker area. She even stands naked in front of the mirror as she dries her hair. Some of the members of our exercise classes have stopped using the locker room just so they don't encounter this free spirit.

Is there a way to politely get her to cover up?

— Seen Too Much

Seen Too Much: You could check with the management of your facility to see whether there are any guidelines or restrictions regarding nudity in the locker rooms. (Probably not.)

If parents don't want their children to be exposed to adult nudity (understandable), they should always use the family locker room. You could try approaching this woman and asking, "Would you mind wearing a towel when children are here?" But be prepared for her to refuse.

One issue all locker room users should be aware of is the possibility that anyone could be surreptitiously filmed while changing (or not changing).

Dear Amy: I worked in many county clerks' offices, and I would see these bubbling young couples come in to apply for their marriage licenses. In my heart, I wished them well, but I also wanted them to see how those feelings can be superficial and how really getting to know your partner on a deep level is tremendously important.

It should be a law that no marriage license is issued until the parties have spent at least six hours as observers in divorce court.

— Tom in Springfield, Ill.

Tom: I appreciate your innovative idea.

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Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-10:30
Babylon (R) CC: 8:00-9:45-12:00-4:00-9:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 9:30-12:45-4:00-7:20-10:00
Spoiler Alert (PG-13) CC: 6:00
Violent Night (R) CC: 1:40-10:25
The Fabelmans (PG-13) CC: 11:45-7:20
Strange World (PG) CC: 9:10AM
The Menu (R) CC: 11:55-2:35-5:10-10:20
Bones and All (R) CC: 4:20-10:40
The Whale (R) CC: 9:05-11:20-2:05-4:00-4:50-6:45-7:40-9:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 10:30-11:00-2:45-3:15-7:30-8:45
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 10:00-2:15-6:30-10:45
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 9:15-10:15-1:00-2:30-3:30-6:15-7:30-10:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 11:45-5:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) OC: 6:30
Babylon (R) OC: 8:00
Strange World (PG) OC: 3:15
The Menu (R) OC: 7:45
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) OC: 7:00

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-7:00
Babylon (R) 11:15-3:15-7:15
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:20

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 4:15-7:30
The Whale (R) 2:35-5:15-8:00
The Fabelmans (PG-13) OC: 1:00
The Whale (R) OC: 12:00

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 2:50-3:50-6:30-7:30
Babylon (R) 3:00-4:00-6:40-7:40
The Pale Blue Eye (R) 4:20-7:10
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 4:10-7:00

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 3:30-7:15
Babylon (R) 4:00-6:30-8:00
The Banshees of Inisherin (R) 7:20
Tár (R) 6:45
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 3:30
Empire of Light (R) 3:45
Wildcat (R) 7:15
The Whale (R) 3:00-4:30-7:00-7:45
White Noise (R) 3:45
Wildcat (R) 3:15

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 9:50-11:00-11:30-2:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-6:30-8:00-8:30
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 10:50-6:40-10:20
Babylon (R) 3:20-7:50
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:20-11:50-2:20-3:30-7:10-10:30
Violent Night (R) 12:10-3:25-6:25-9:20
The Menu (R) 9:40
The Whale (R) 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10
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Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) OC: 12:00-9:00
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Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 6:20
Babylon (R) OC: 11:00AM
The Whale (R) OC: 10:10AM
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) OC: 6:10
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:30-3:00-7:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Babylon (R) 12:15-4:00-7:45
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 2:00-5:00-8:00
EO 12:00-9:10
Empire of Light (R) 1:40-4:15-6:45

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 1:15-5:15-9:15
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:10-10:20
Babylon (R) CC: 11:00-3:00-7:00-10:55
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:30-7:45-10:55
Violent Night (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:40
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:15-4:00-6:45-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 1:30-8:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 4:15-10:45

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:00-10:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 11:10-2:40-6:20-9:50
Babylon (R) CC: 10:15-2:15-6:15-10:15
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 10:50-12:30-3:50-7:10-10:25
Violent Night (R) CC: 7:30-10:20
Strange World (PG) CC: 2:10-4:50
The Menu (R) CC: 11:00
The Whale (R) CC: 10:40-1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 10:00-10:30-11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:45-9:45
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:55
Babylon (R) CC: 11:00-3:00-7:00-10:45
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:20-7:40-10:50
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:30-4:00-7:00-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 1:30-8:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 4:30-10:55

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:15-8:30
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 10:45-2:30-6:20-10:00
Babylon (R) CC: 10:00-2:00-8:15-10:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-6:10-9:35-10:00
Cirkus 11:45-6:25-9:45
Violent Night (R) CC: 10:00-12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
The Fabelmans (PG-13) CC: 3:00
Strange World (PG) CC: 2:45-5:30
The Menu (R) CC: 12:40-3:20
Empire of Light (R) CC: 10:00AM
The Whale (R) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:15-5:30-9:45
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 10:00-2:15-6:30-10:45
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:45-10:15
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 10:30-1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 11:00-3:15-7:30
Babylon (R) OC: 6:15
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 6:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) OC: 7:30

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 11:30-4:00-8:15-9:45
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 11:15-1:25-3:00-5:00-6:45-8:45-10:25
Laththi (Tamil) 10:30AM
Babylon (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-2:00-6:00-8:30-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 11:00-2:30-5:00-6:00-9:45
Cirkus 2:10-10:00
Devotion (PG-13) CC: 6:35
Violent Night (R) CC: 12:15-3:00-5:45-8:30-11:15
The Fabelmans (PG-13) CC: 12:40
Strange World (PG) CC: 10:00-4:00
The Menu (R) CC: 10:45AM
Empire of Light (R) CC: 10:00AM
The Whale (R) CC: 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
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Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 10:00-12:45-3:30-6:15-9:00-10:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 5:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:45-6:00-10:15; 5:00

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 1:00-5:15-9:30
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 10:45-2:45-6:45
Babylon (R) CC: 9:45-1:45-6:00-9:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 11:45-3:15-6:30-9:45
Violent Night (R) CC: 11:15-12:45-3:30-7:00-10:00
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Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 10:00-6:15-9:45
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-10:15

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 1:00-1:30-5:15-5:45
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:30-7:45
Babylon (R) CC: 12:15-12:45-4:15-8:00-8:15
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Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
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Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 10:30-12:00-1:30-3:30-5:00-7:00-8:30-10:30
Ticket to Paradise (PG-13) CC: 5:15
Cirkus 1:50
Devotion (PG-13) CC: 10:10AM
Violent Night (R) CC: 10:45-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:25
The Fabelmans (PG-13) CC: 10:45-2:30-5:55-7:15-8:15-9:30
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The Menu (R) CC: 2:30-5:10
Empire of Light (R) CC: 8:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 10:30-11:45-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:30-7:00-8:15-9:45
Babylon (R) OC: 6:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-3:15-7:30
Raangi 6:00-9:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:40-3:25-7:05-10:45
Babylon (R) 10:55-1:10-3:10-5:20-7:25-9:30
Black Adam (PG-13) 6:00
Prey for the Devil (PG-13) 10:05
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:00-11:15-2:05-3:15-6:10-7:15-9:40-10:35
Cirkus 2:50-6:30-9:50
Private Watch Party 11:00-3:00
18 Pages 3:00-6:50-10:10
Dhamaka (Telugu) (2022-II) 7:00
It's a Wonderful Life 75th Anniversary presented by TCM (PG) 10:15AM
Violent Night (R) 11:20-2:10-5:00-7:50-10:40
Strange World (PG) 10:00-12:40-3:20
Laththi (Tamil) 10:15
The Menu (R) 10:05-4:30-7:35-10:20
The Whale (R) 10:20-11:35-1:15-2:40-4:10-7:10-10:05
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Top Gear (Telugu) 9:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:20
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Lucky Lakshman 8:30
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Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 2:00-3:00-7:00-8:00-8:30
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 3:40-7:20
Babylon (R) 12:45-2:40-7:40
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 6:15-10:00
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Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:30-2:20-3:20-5:30-6:30-9:30

Hoyt's West Nursery Cinema 14
1591 West Nursery Road
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:05-5:05-6:05-8:10-9:10
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 12:45-4:10-6:15-9:40
Babylon (R) 1:10-3:05-5:00-7:00-9:15
Black Adam (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:55-1:45-3:15-4:55-6:25-8:05-9:35
The Woman King (PG-13) 6:50-9:50
Devotion (PG-13) 9:45
Violent Night (R) 1:30-7:15
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 1:20-4:35-8:00
Strange World (PG) 1:25-3:50
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 3:00-7:20
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:50-4:20-6:55-9:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 4:00-6:45-7:20-7:50
Babylon (R) 12:30-3:30-4:15-8:00
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-6:15
The Whale (R) 1:00-3:45-4:45-6:30-7:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:30-3:15-7:15
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:00
Babylon (R) 11:45AM
Empire of Light (R) 1:30-4:10
The Whale (R) 2:00

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:30
Babylon (R) 4:00-7:35
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 1:10-4:50-7:50
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 12:40-4:00-7:20
Wildcat (R) 1:20-7:10
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 12:15-3:00-4:10-7:00-8:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:30-1:00-1:30-4:15-4:40-7:45

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 7:00
Empire of Light (R) 7:15

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 2:00-6:00-10:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 2:35-6:15-9:45
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 11:30-2:45-5:00-6:00-8:30-9:30
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Regal Bowie
15200 Major Lansdale Boulevard
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:30-1:40-3:40-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:20
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Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
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Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:20-3:10-6:50-10:30
Babylon (R) 4:15-8:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:35-3:30-7:00-9:30-10:30
Cirkus 1:00-8:20
18 Pages 4:10
Violent Night (R) 11:50-2:30-5:20-8:00-10:45
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 12:10-4:00-8:10
Strange World (PG) 11:40-2:20
The Menu (R) 5:00-7:50-10:30
The Whale (R) 10:30-1:30-4:30-10:45
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:30-12:00-3:40-4:25-7:50-9:00
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 10:30-2:40-6:50-10:50
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:35-1:45-3:15-4:15-6:10-7:00-10:00
Battle on Buka Street 7:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 1:00-5:45-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 12:00

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:40-1:00-1:30-4:00-5:20-5:50-8:40-9:40
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 12:30-4:30-8:30
Babylon (R) 12:00-3:00-4:10-7:00-8:10
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:10-7:20
Cirkus 1:10-5:00-8:50
18 Pages 2:20-5:40-9:20
Violent Night (R) 2:30-5:30-8:20
Strange World (PG) 11:50-12:50
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 3:30-7:50
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 11:45-12:40-1:40-3:20-4:20-6:10-7:10-9:10
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 3:40
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 12:20-4:40-9:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:10-4:00-8:30-9:50
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 2:40-6:10-10:00
Babylon (R) 11:50-4:20-9:40
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:10
Violent Night (R) 11:40AM
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 11:20-3:20-7:00
Strange World (PG) 12:00
The Menu (R) 10:20
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 12:10-3:30-4:30-8:00-9:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 11:00-1:40-4:30-7:10

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:30-1:00-2:00-5:00-6:30-9:00-10:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 1:40-5:20-9:10
Babylon (R) 12:50-5:50-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 11:10-2:40-6:20-9:50
Violent Night (R) 11:50-2:20-5:10-7:40-10:10
Strange World (PG) 11:15AM
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-12:30-3:30-4:00-6:00-7:30-8:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 11:20-12:20-2:10-3:10-4:50-6:10-7:20-8:40-10:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:30-12:10-1:00-4:00-4:30-5:20-8:20-9:00-9:40
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 1:10-5:10-9:00
Babylon (R) 2:00-6:20
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 11:50-3:30-7:20
Violent Night (R) 1:40-4:20-7:10
Strange World (PG) 1:30-4:10-7:00
The Menu (R) 4:50-7:40
Empire of Light (R) 1:20
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:40-2:30-3:50-6:50-8:10
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:20-2:10-3:40-5:00-6:40-7:50-9:30

Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:10-3:30-7:50
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 2:30-6:20-10:00
Babylon (R) 11:00-2:00-3:20-7:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-3:40-5:40-7:20-9:10
Violent Night (R) 4:20-8:00
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 12:50
Strange World (PG) 11:30AM
The Menu (R) 1:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:40-1:00-4:00-5:20-8:20-9:40
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 11:20-12:30-2:10-3:50-5:00-6:50-7:40-9:50
Battle on Buka Street 7:40
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:20-2:50-4:40-5:50-7:10-9:00-10:10

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:40-4:30-5:10-9:00-9:40
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:00-2:50-6:40-10:10
Babylon (R) 10:00-2:00-6:00-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:00-3:40-4:20-7:10-7:50-10:30-11:10
Violent Night (R) 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 10:10AM
Strange World (PG) 10:50-1:40
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:10-11:10-2:40-3:50-7:00-8:00-11:00
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 10:40-3:10-7:30-11:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:00-10:30-11:20-1:30-2:00-4:10-7:00-9:50

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-1:00-3:20-5:20-7:40-9:40
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:20-3:00-6:40-10:35
Babylon (R) 10:10-2:10-6:10-8:50-10:20
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:00-7:00-10:25
Violent Night (R) 4:40-7:50-10:40
Strange World (PG) 11:10-2:00
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:00-2:20-6:50
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 9:30-1:50-6:20-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 9:40-10:50-12:20-1:40-3:10-4:30-6:00-7:10-9:50
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 3:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 12:00-4:20-8:40

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 2:00-6:30-11:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-7:15-11:15
Babylon (R) (!) 1:45-6:45-7:30-11:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) (!) 11:30-12:30-3:15-4:15-7:00-8:00-10:45
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 1:30-6:00-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) (!) 12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:15-9:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 11:20-3:30-7:30-9:40
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 2:30-8:00
Babylon (R) CC: 10:50-2:50-6:50-10:50
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
Violent Night (R) CC: 2:40-5:20-8:30-11:10
The Menu (R) CC: 11:55-4:30-11:30
The Whale (R) CC: 11:10-2:10-5:00-7:50-10:35
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 10:00-2:10-6:10-10:10
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 11:30-12:10-2:00-7:10-11:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 6:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 11:00-11:30-3:10-3:45-7:15-8:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 10:30-2:15-6:00-6:30-10:10
Babylon (R) CC: 10:00-2:00-2:15-6:00-6:30-8:00-9:45-10:00-10:45
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 10:00-11:30-12:00-2:45-3:30-6:00-6:45-7:00-9:15-10:00-10:30
Devotion (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:45
Violent Night (R) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:10-10:00
The Fabelmans (PG-13) CC: 6:45-10:10
Strange World (PG) CC: 10:30-1:15-4:00
The Menu (R) CC: 1:30-4:15
Empire of Light (R) CC: 10:30AM
The Whale (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:15-8:30
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 10:00-2:10-6:30-10:45
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 10:45-12:45-1:30-3:30-3:45-6:15-7:00-9:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 4:30-9:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:00-2:45-5:15-7:00-9:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:10-1:00
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 12:30-5:00-9:15

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 10:15-3:15-5:15-10:15
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 10:20-2:20-6:00-9:45
Babylon (R) CC: 10:30-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 11:50-1:00-3:20-4:30-5:30-6:45-8:00-10:15
Cirkus 10:45-2:15-6:30-9:40
18 Pages 3:15
Devotion (PG-13) CC: 12:00
Violent Night (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:40-9:30
Strange World (PG) CC: 10:30-1:15
The Menu (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:40
Empire of Light (R) CC: 10:10AM
The Whale (R) CC: 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:45-4:00-8:15
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 10:45-3:00-7:15
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 10:00-11:00-12:30-3:30-5:00-7:30-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 11:30-2:30-6:30-9:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:15-12:45-2:15-6:15-7:45-9:15

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 10:10-2:20-6:30-7:30-10:40
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:40-7:20-10:50
Babylon (R) CC: 10:50-2:50-7:00-11:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:25
The Whale (R) CC: 11:10-2:00-4:50-7:40-10:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:20-3:25-11:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 12:00-5:30-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 3:00-8:00

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 8:00AM
Babylon (R) CC: 10:25-2:35-6:50-11:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 9:15-12:40-4:05-7:25-10:55
The Whale (R) CC: 10:15-1:20-4:20-7:15-10:15
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:05-4:15-8:30
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 10:00-2:15-6:30-10:45
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 8:05-10:45-1:25-4:10-6:50-9:35
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 12:00-5:20-8:00-10:40
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 11:00-3:15-7:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 8:30-9:15-12:45-1:30-5:05-5:45-9:20-10:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 9:10AM; 2:40

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) CC: 3:00-7:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) CC: 3:45-7:15
Babylon (R) CC: 3:45-7:45
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:15
Violent Night (R) CC: 3:15-8:00
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:30-4:00-6:00-7:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) CC: 6:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish 3D (PG) CC: 4:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 6:00-9:00; 10:30AM
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-3:30-8:00
Violent Night (R) 12:00-4:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:30-2:30-6:15-8:45
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:00-2:30-7:00
The Whale (R) 12:15-3:45-7:30-10:35
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:00-1:45-3:00-5:00
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 1:00-5:30-10:00
Babylon (R) 11:30-2:00-4:00-6:30-10:00

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
When Harry Met Sally (R) 7:00
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-7:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 10:20-6:40-10:00
The Whale (R) 10:45-1:30-4:20-7:30-10:45
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 12:00-4:00-8:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 9:55-12:15-1:45-2:35-4:15-5:05-7:30-9:50
Babylon (R) 11:15-3:15-7:15-9:45
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:15-1:15-4:15-10:15
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:00-2:00-6:00-10:00

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 2:50-6:30
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) (!) 12:50-2:10-3:00-3:30-5:00-6:10-7:40-9:10
Babylon (R) 3:40-7:50
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 1:50-3:50-5:10-7:10-8:30
Violent Night (R) 7:30-10:10
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 4:10
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) (!) 1:30-4:20-5:40-7:00-8:20
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 1:20-1:40-2:00-3:10-4:00-4:40-5:50-6:50-7:20-8:40-9:30-9:50

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Main St
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:30-4:00-7:30
Babylon (R) 9:40-1:05-4:30-7:50
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:05-1:15-4:20-7:15
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 10:00-1:00-4:15-7:20
The Banshees of Inisherin (R) 9:45-12:05-7:10
Aftersun (2022-1) (R) 9:55-2:20-4:40
Empire of Light (R) 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:35

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:25-4:40-8:55
Raangi 6:00-9:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:40-3:25-10:50
Babylon (R) 10:10-12:15-2:15-4:20-6:20-8:25-10:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 10:05-12:10-3:35-7:00-10:25
Cirkus 11:25AM
18 Pages 2:45
Violent Night (R) 10:45-1:40-4:35-10:20
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:15-11:20-1:30-2:30-3:30-6:45-7:50-10:00-11:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:30-12:00-1:10-2:40-3:50-6:30-8:00-9:10-10:40
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) OC: 5:45
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) OC: 7:10
Violent Night (R) OC: 7:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 5:20

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) XD: 10:30-1:50-2:45-6:05-7:00-10:20; 12:40-4:55-9:10

Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:30-11:30-1:30-2:30-3:30

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:10-11:40-12:40-2:10-3:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-8:00-8:30-9:30
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 10:50-2:20-6:00-9:50
Babylon (R) 2:00-6:10-10:10
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:10-7:20-10:35
Violent Night (R) 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20
Strange World (PG) 1:00-3:50
The Menu (R) 6:40-9:40
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:40-3:00-7:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:30-12:30-1:30-3:20-4:20-6:10-7:10-9:10-10:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 3:40

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:30-3:45-5:45-6:25-8:00-9:50-10:30
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-6:45-10:15
Babylon (R) 2:00-6:15-10:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:05-3:45-7:20-10:45
Violent Night (R) 12:15-3:15-6:00-8:45
Strange World (PG) 10:15-12:45-3:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:40-12:30-2:45-4:45-7:00-9:00
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:30-11:15-1:30-4:15-7:10-10:00
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) OC: 1:40

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 12:50-1:50-5:10-6:00-9:20-10:10
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:20-2:50-6:20-10:00
Babylon (R) 11:40-4:00-8:00
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 3:40-7:00-10:20
Violent Night (R) 1:00-3:50-6:50-9:40
The Night Owl 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:10-11:50-3:20-4:10-7:30-8:10
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 12:10

Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 1:40-6:00-10:20
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 11:10-2:50-6:30-10:10
Babylon (R) 3:00-7:15
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:10-3:40-7:20-10:50
Cirkus 11:20-2:40-6:20-9:40
18 Pages 10:50-2:20-6:40-9:50
Violent Night (R) 10:10-1:00-4:10-7:40-10:40
Strange World (PG) 12:20
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:30-4:00-8:20
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 10:30-3:00-7:20-11:35
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 12:30-3:20-6:10-9:10
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-12:40-3:30-5:10-7:50-9:30
Babylon (R) 9:45-2:00-6:15-10:30
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:00-12:00-2:30-4:30-7:00-8:50
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00

Regal Kingstowne & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 10:40-2:50-7:00-11:00
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 10:50-3:15-6:50-10:20
Babylon (R) 10:05-11:00-2:00-3:00-6:15-7:15-10:05
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:20-7:20-10:30
Cirkus 10:10-1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50
18 Pages 12:55-4:00-7:05-10:10
Violent Night (R) 10:20-1:05-9:20
The Fabelmans (PG-13) 11:15-2:30-5:50-9:10
Strange World (PG) 10:25AM
Empire of Light (R) 10:15AM
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 10:00-2:05-6:30-10:30
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 10:30-11:30-12:30-1:30-2:20-3:10-3:40-4:15-6:00-6:40-7:10-8:40-10:00
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 1:00-4:50-5:30-9:00-10:15
Avatar: The Way of Water 3D (PG-13) 11:10-12:00-3:35-4:05-8:00-8:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) OC: 3:45

Regal Manassas & IMAX
11380 Bulloch Drive
Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13) 11:00-3:20-4:30-7:50-8:50
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) 9:20-1:10-5:10-9:10
Babylon (R) 9:30-10:40-1:50-2:45-6:10-7:20-10:30
Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (PG-13) 12:00-7:10-10:40
Cirkus 10:35-2:10-5:50-9:30
18 Pages 12:10-3:30-6:55-10:10
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I Heard the Bells 9:00AM
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Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG) 9:40-10:40-1:30-3:15-4:15-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
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To Fly! (1976) (NR) 11:00-1:00
Avatar: The Way of Water - An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 3:15-7:05

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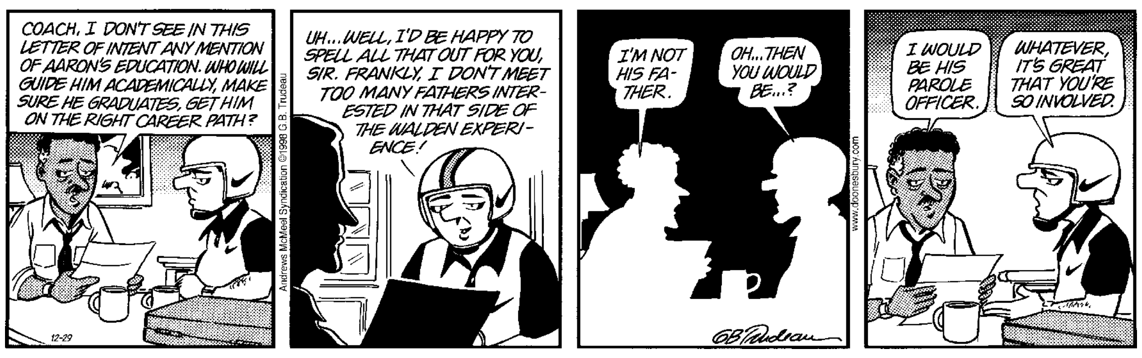

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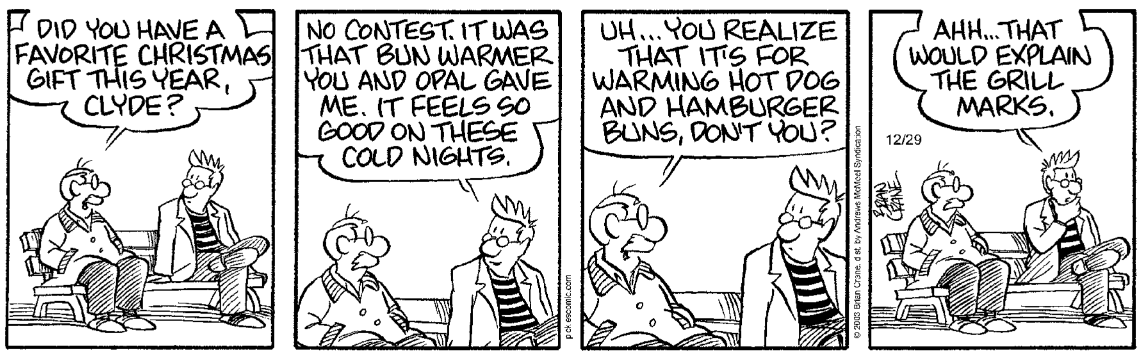

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH (D)
♠ A J 2
♥ J 9 3
♦ A K 10 9 7
♣ J 7

WEST
♠ 10 8 7 5 4
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A 8

EAST
♠ K 3
♥ A Q 10 8
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 6
♥ K 5 2
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 10 9 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ 5

Wendy, my club's feminist, can enjoy a man's company only if he owns it. Cy the Cynic says a woman considers her work done when she sweeps down the aisle. The two are adversaries even when they cut as partners in our penny game.

Cy and Wendy were today's East-West, and Wendy led a spade against 3NT. Dummy played low, and Cy took the king and ... returned a spade.

South won with the ace and forced out the ace of clubs. He won the third spade, ran the clubs and let the jack of diamonds ride. The Cynic took the queen and cashed his ace of hearts, and South claimed, making three.

"Wendy was mad," Cy said. "She said I beat the contract if I rely on a woman to get the job done."

Cy must shift to the queen of hearts at Trick Two. If South's king covers — playing low is no better — Wendy leads another heart when she takes the ace of clubs, and Cy gets three hearts.

"I apologized," Cy told me, "but trying to talk to her is futile. She has a soundproof head."

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ K 3 ♥ A Q 10 8
♦ Q 5 3 ♣ 6 5 4 2

Your partner opens one diamond. The next player bids two spades, preemptive. What do you say?

ANSWER: By agreement, a negative double would show length in hearts plus a "landing place" if partner could not bid hearts. But if he rebid three diamonds, you would have to guess whether to try 3NT; and if he bid three hearts, would you raise? To bid 2NT, not forcing and inviting game, might work out.

— Frank Stewart

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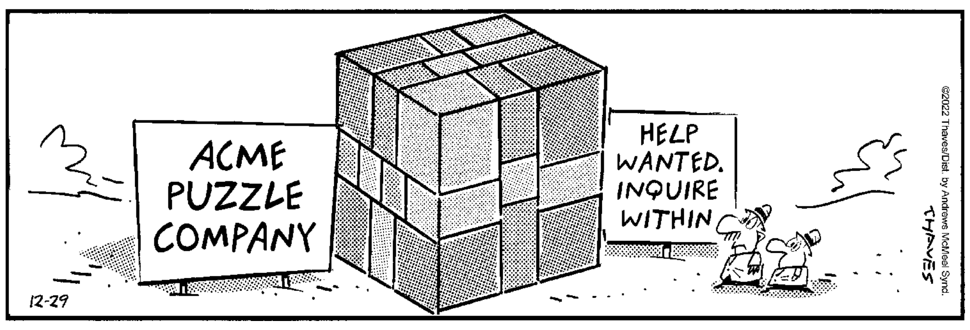
TONY COCHRAN

FRANK AND ERNEST
TOM THAVES



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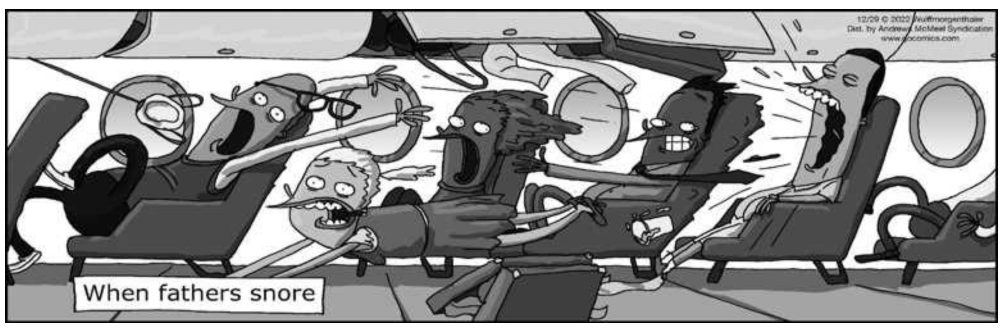

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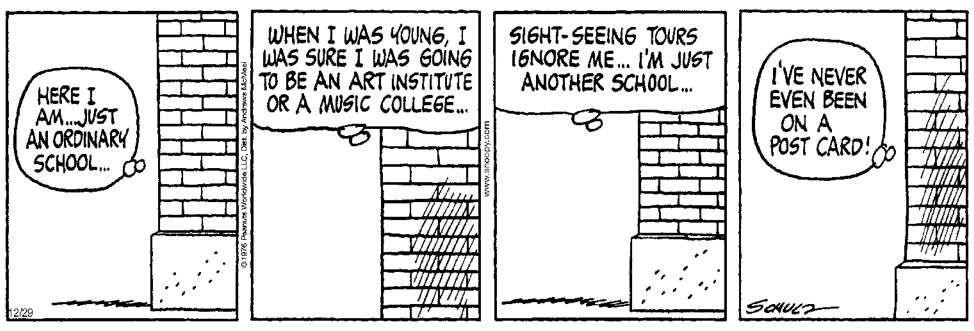

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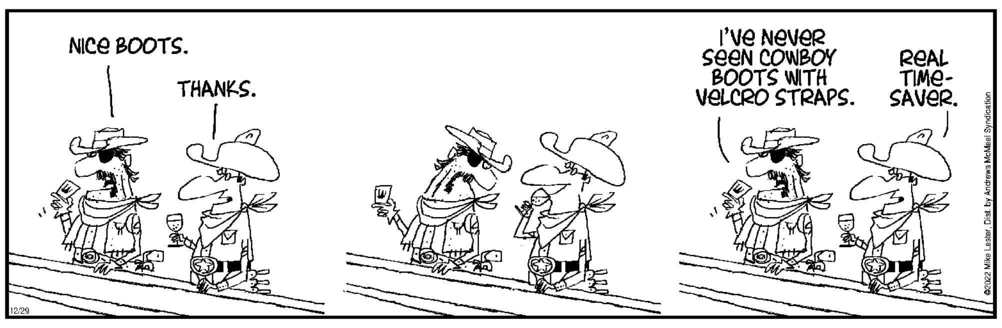

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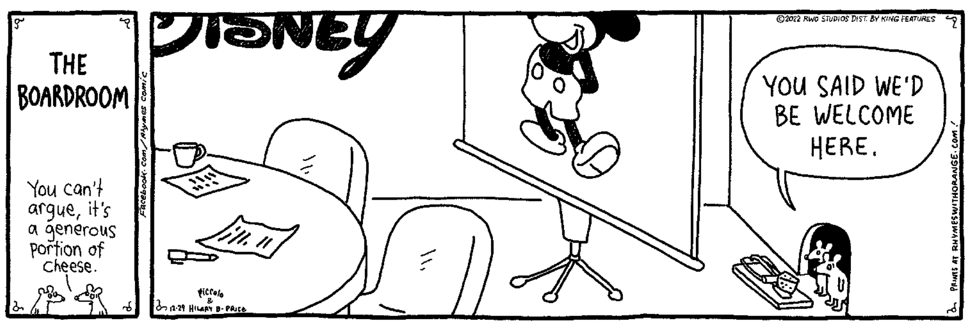

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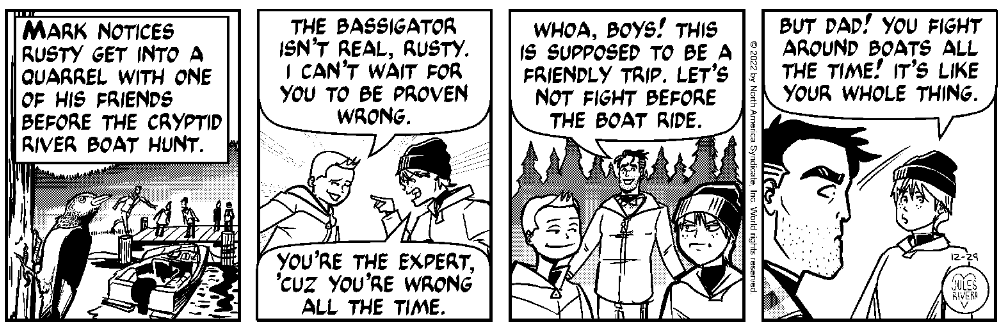

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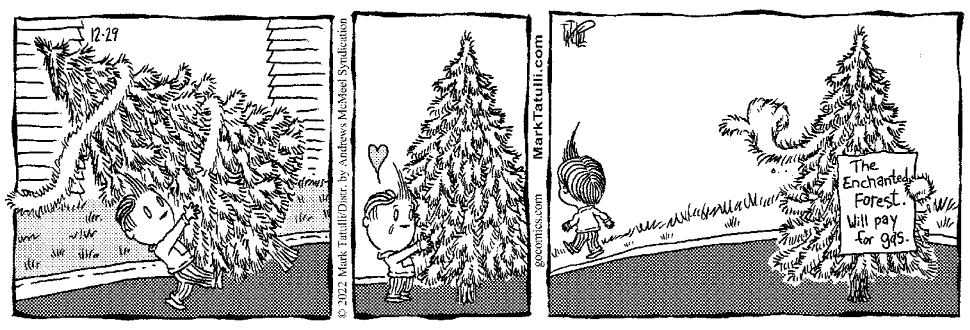

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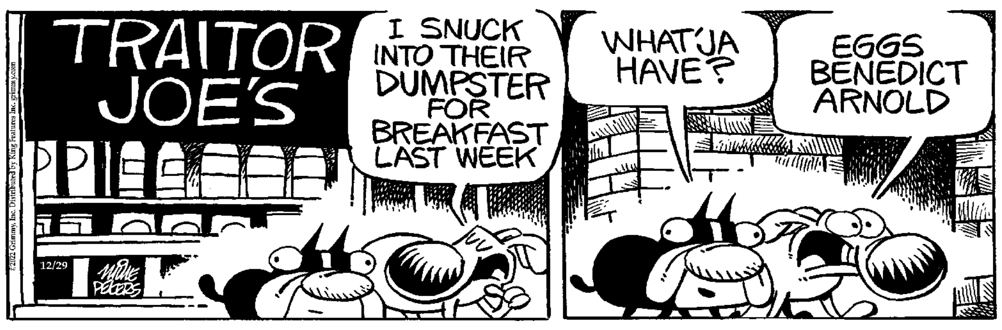

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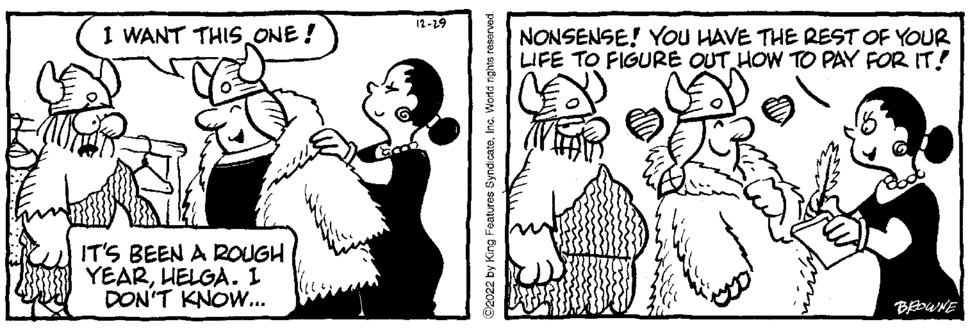

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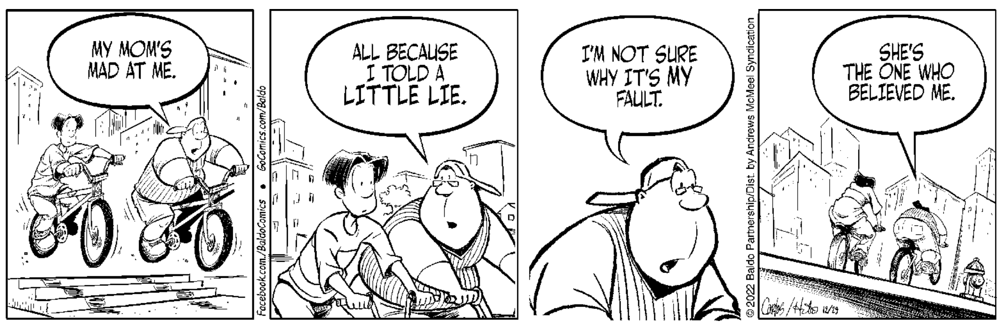

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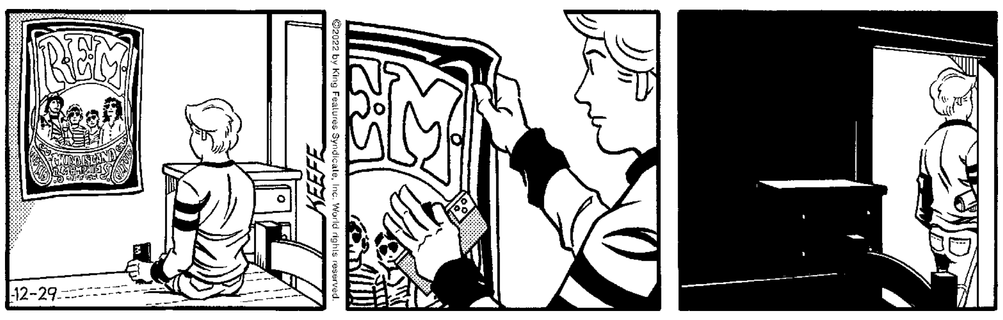

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

9	3			2			5	
		2	4	1				
			6	3		7	2	
7							4	
			7	6	8			
	2							9
	5	9		4	6			
				8	2	3		
	8			7			9	2

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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A1 E1 I1 R1 G2 F4 D2 — RACK 1

E1 U1 L1 N1 L1 B3 P3 — 3rd Letter Triple — RACK 2

I1 O1 M3 R1 R1 F4 T1 — Double Word Score — RACK 3

A1 I1 H4 S1 V4 N1 R1 — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 211
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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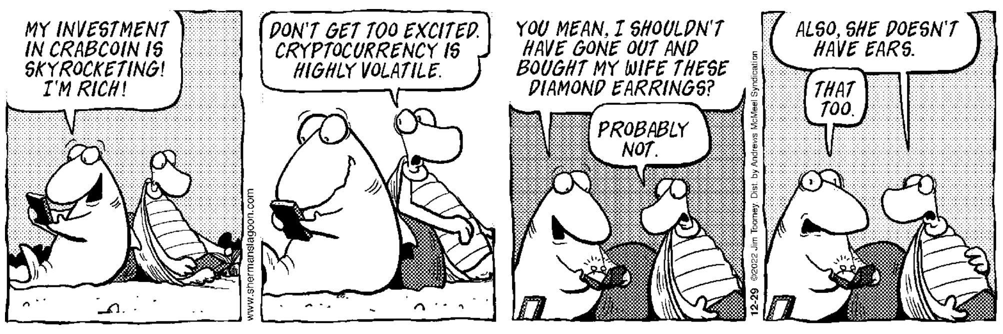

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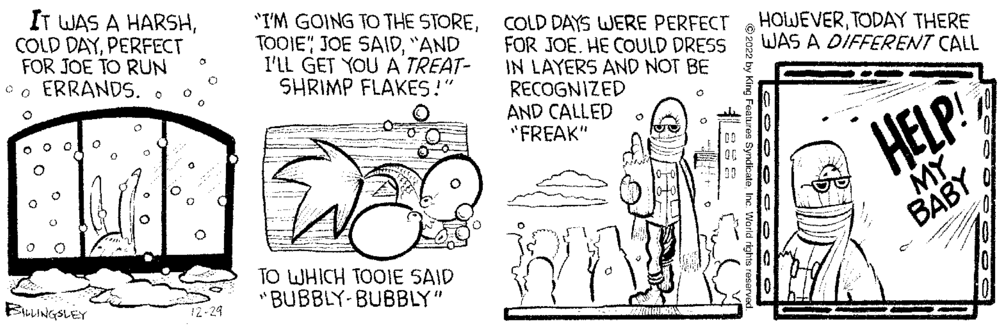

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
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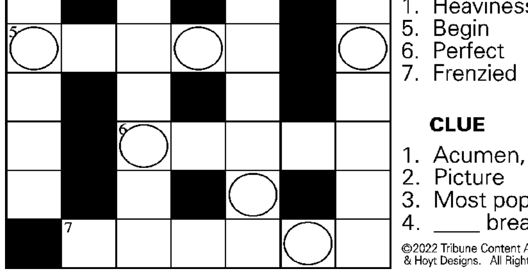

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How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Heaviness	GHWITE
5. Begin	RTTSA
6. Perfect	LDAIE
7. Frenzied	HTEICC

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Acumen, judgment	MIDOSW
2. Picture	ENAIMIG
3. Most popular	HTTTESO
4. ____ bread	LACIGR

BONUS

CLUE: The Isle of Man, which is home to about 85,000 people, is located in the ____ ____.

ANSWERS: 1A-Weight 5A-Start 6A-Ideal 7A-Hectic 1D-Wisdom 2D-Imagine 3D-Hottest 4D-Garlic B-Irish Sea

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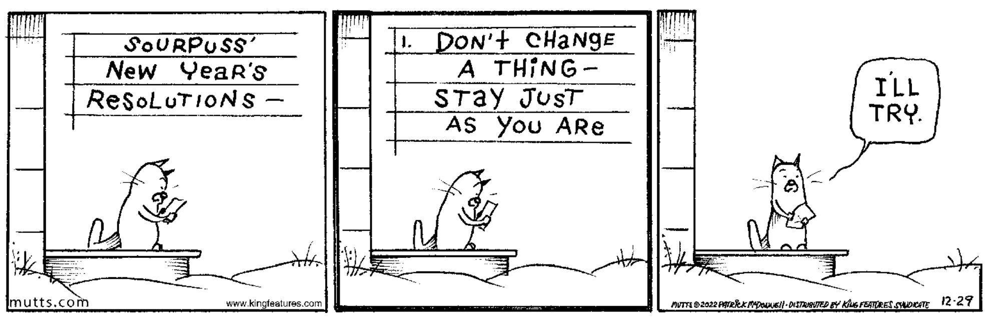

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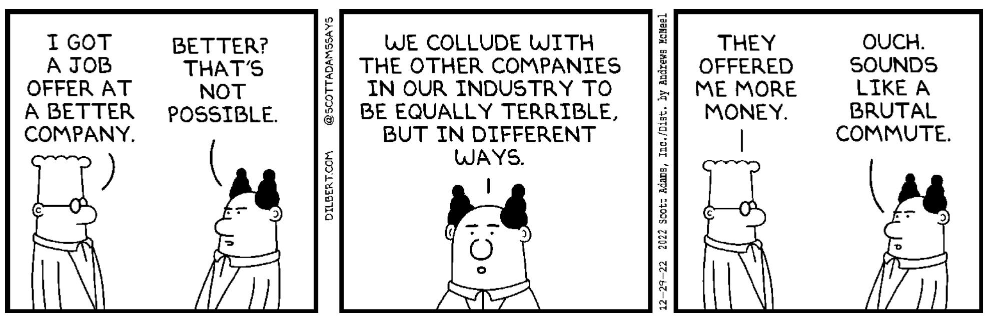

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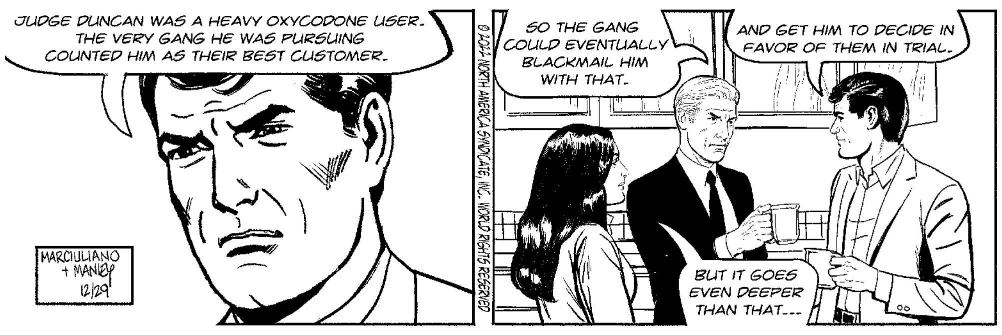

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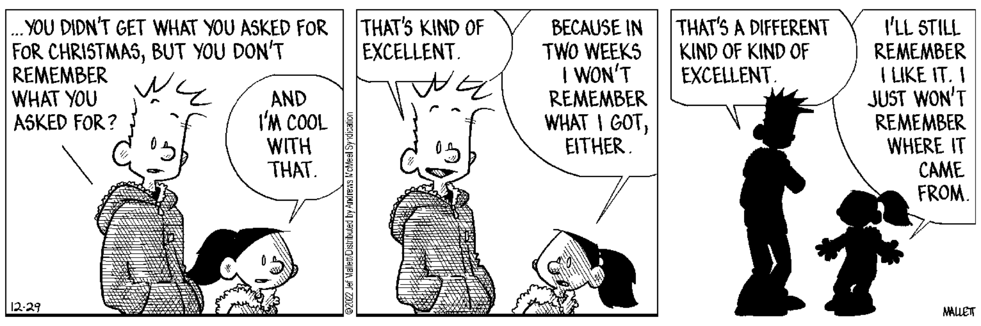

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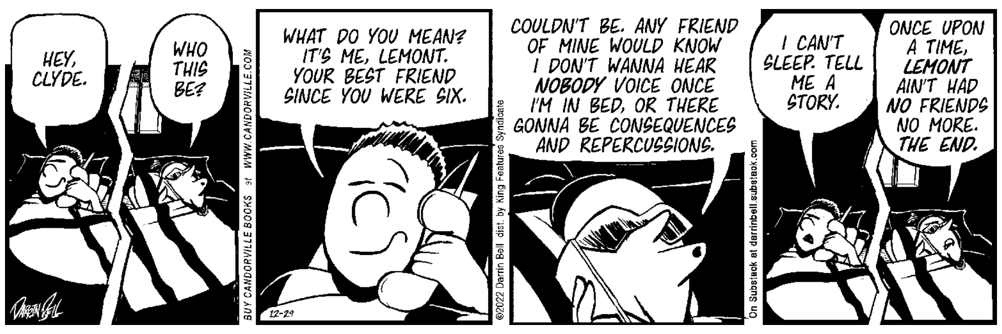

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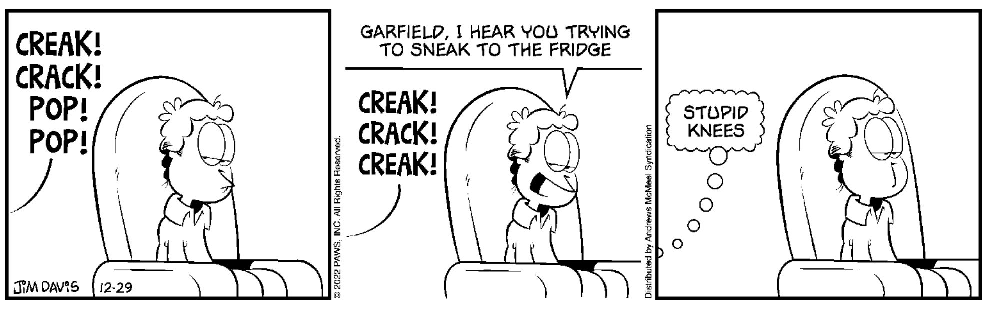

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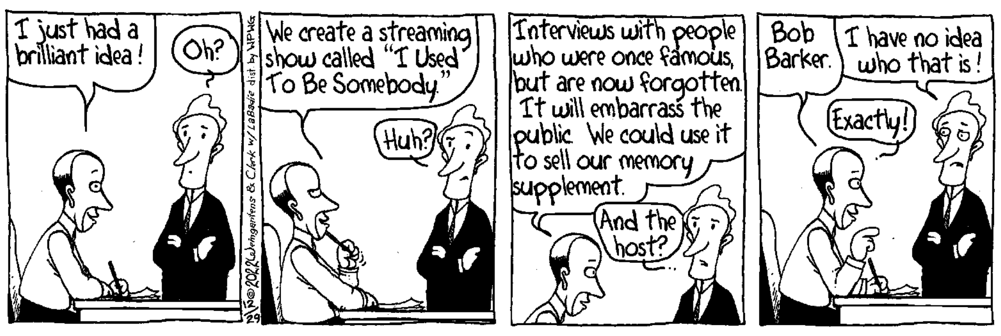

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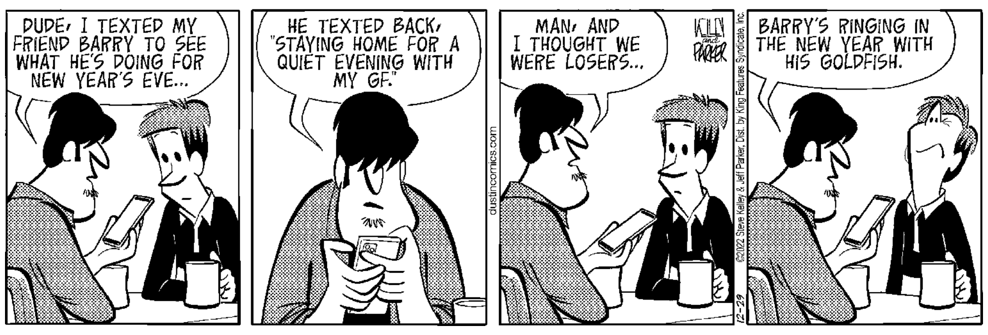

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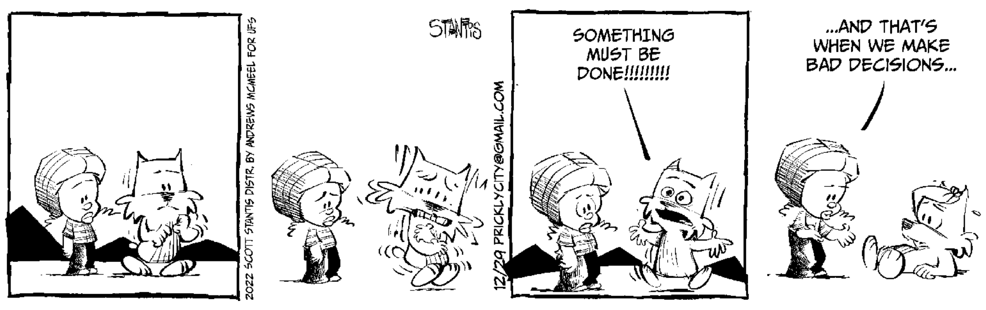

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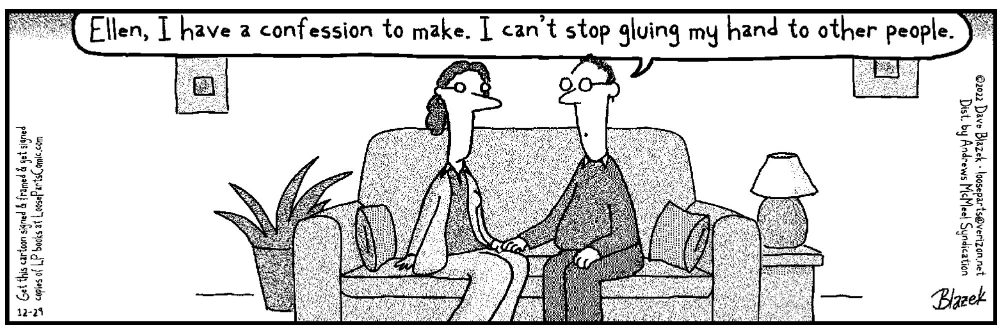

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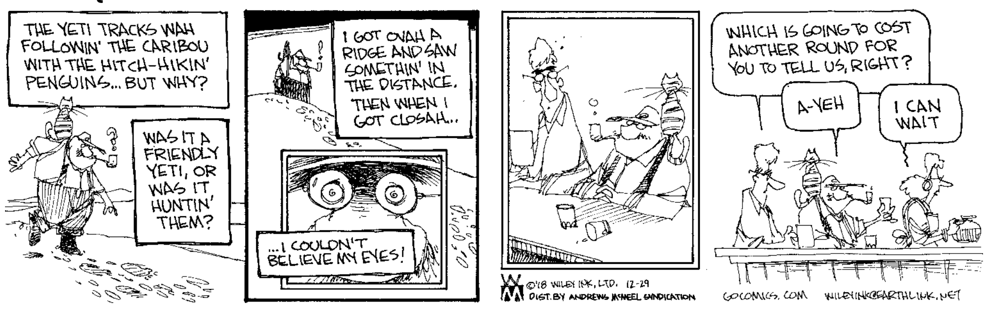

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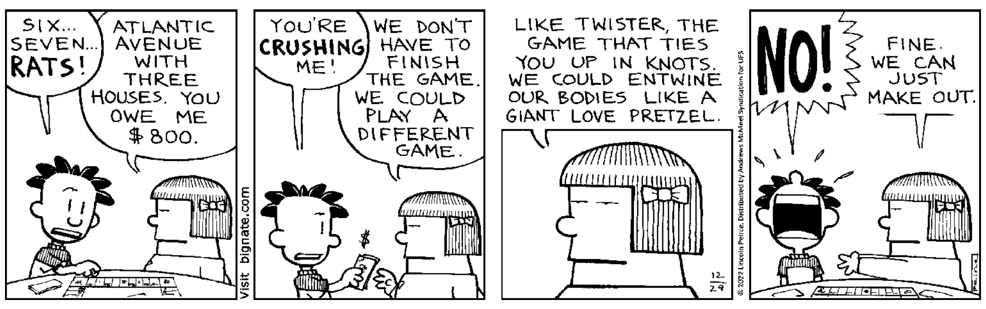

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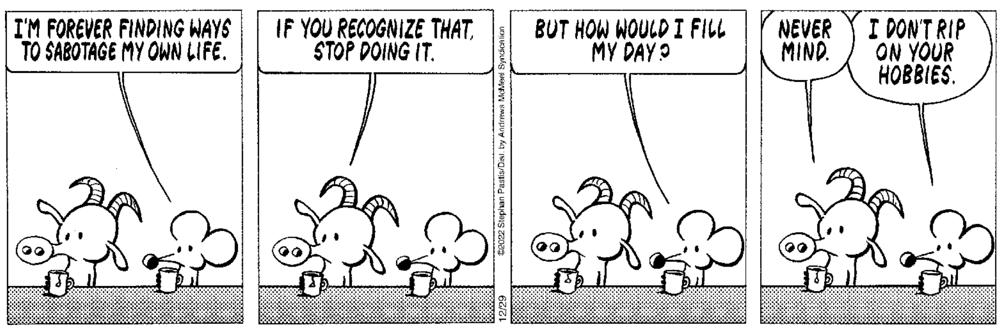

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BIRTHDAY | DECEMBER 29

You are serious, thoughtful, responsible and reliable. Justice and fairness are important. You are also impossibly charming. This is a slower-paced year and a time to rejuvenate yourself. Focus on your closest personal relationships. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from the beginning of the day until 5:45 a.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
It's a lovely day! The Moon is in Aries, lined up with Jupiter in your sign. (It doesn't get much better than this.) In addition, the Moon is also dancing beautifully with your ruler Mars.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
This is a lovely day; you feel pleased with yourself. You feel reassured about your future, and possibly also reassured about your finances. You're keen to travel and expand your horizons. (Travel someplace you have never been before.)

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
This is a marvelous day to enjoy the company of others, especially female colleagues, plus groups and conferences, because you will be in your element! You will enjoy talking to others.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Your ruler is the Moon, and today the Moon is lined up with lucky Jupiter! This takes place at the top of your chart, which means others see you as successful and capable. Travel plans will appeal to you.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Your desire for a change of scenery is strong today, which is why you should do something different to shake up your world a little. If you can't travel, go to a new restaurant, visit a new store, drive somewhere you have never been before. Get dressed!

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Financial negotiations will go well today. Fortunately, you are determined to go after what you want. This is an excellent day to ask for a loan or mortgage; doors will open for you. You might receive an inheritance, a gift or a favor from someone else.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
This is a great day to schmooze with friends, partners and the general public. Whatever you do will "expand" your world in some way. Perhaps you will entertain at home.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
This is an excellent day for work-related travel. It's also a good day to work with groups related to your job. Classes, meetings and conferences will expand your mind and introduce you to new ideas.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
It's a playful day! You are a breezy, lighthearted, fun-loving sign, and today you have a chance to spread your wings. The bottom line is that you want to do exactly what you want.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
This is a wonderful day to explore real estate opportunities or to shop for your home or a family member. It's also a great day to entertain at home. With the Sun, Mercury and Venus in your sign, you will easily get what you want.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Trust your intuition today! (You are intuitive, anyhow.) Today you find it easy to think like a winner. You expect the best for yourself and others. This is also a wonderful day to learn new things.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Business and commerce are favored today. Trust your moneymaking ideas. You might work hard for money today and see ways to boost your income. However, you also might spend big. Be careful.

— Georgia Nicols

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

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F4	I1	N1	E1	R1	Y4		RACK 3 =	12
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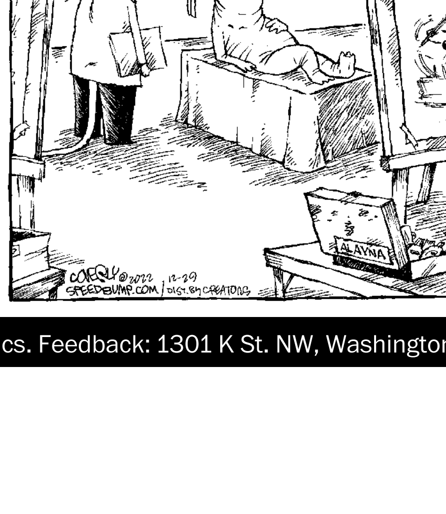

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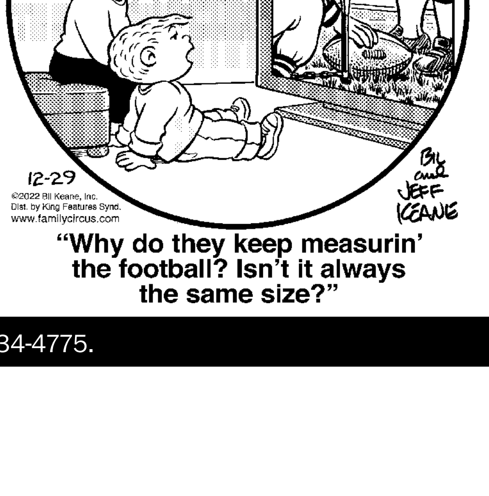
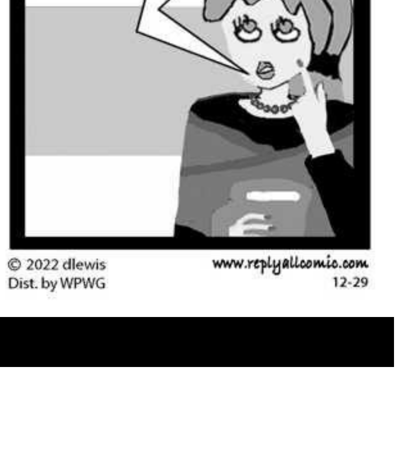
"I'M NOT OLD, JUST VERY MATURE."

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"Why do they keep measurin' the football? Isn't it always the same size?"

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



Hollywood cashes in on class satire

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From left, Edward Norton, Madelyn Cline and Daniel Craig appear in "Glass Onion." Played by Norton, Miles Bron is perhaps the biggest target of "Glass Onion," the second installment in a franchise launched by Rian Johnson's 2019 whodunit "Knives Out."

MEMO FROM **C1**

Class satire is nothing new to Hollywood, but an urge to stick it to tech billionaires pairs nicely with the industry's more recent storytelling obsession with scammers. Consider the specific resonance of a character such as Miles, whose famed flair for innovation is quickly revealed to be a bit of a fluke. The film draws clear lines from him to real-life figures such as Elon Musk, whose recently launched tenure as Twitter CEO has been chaotic, to say the least, or cryptocurrency guru Sam Bankman-Fried, who was charged with fraud after the quick demise of his company FTX.

Is something in the air? Perhaps it is the stink of the "billionaire vibe shift," as Vox recently phrased it, co-opting a tongue-in-cheek term popularized earlier this year by New York magazine that describes a substantial change in cultural trends or attitudes. "It was the year the billionaires showed who they really are," reads a subhead on the Vox story, which at one point links to an Atlantic article from September that plainly states: "Elon Musk's Texts Shatter the Myth of the Tech Genius."

And with that echo of shattering glass, we return to Miles and his fragile ego. He invites to his island an unlikely group of friends, including the governor of Connecticut (Kathryn Hahn) and a dimwitted socialite (Kate Hudson) who made big bucks selling sweatpants. The most notable attendees are Cassandra "Andi" Brand (Janelle Monáe) — Miles's estranged business partner, the Eduardo Saverin to his Mark Zuckerberg — and detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig), who receives a surprise invite.

The crew assembles for a weekend-long murder mystery game in which Miles positions himself as the victim, like a version of Clue where Mr. Boddy watches all the sleuthing firsthand. His friends accept the premise but recognize things are rarely so simple with someone like Miles. His relationships are transactional; his money fuels their individual endeavors, so what does he want from them?

It's a good question, another version of which threads through the latest season of HBO's "The White Lotus," which aired its finale earlier this month. Created by Mike White, the anthology series takes place at different White Lotus vacation resorts around the world. Among Season 2's Sicilian vacationers are businessman Cameron Sullivan (Theo James), who comes from money and now works in the rapacious investment world, and his college roommate Ethan Spiller (Will Sharpe), who recently sold his company for quite a large sum.

White's class critique extends beyond discipline; it isn't clear what sort of work Ethan does, just that it amassed him enough wealth to persuade Cameron and his wife, Daphne (Meghann Fahy), that they have enough in common with Ethan and his wife, Harper (Aubrey Plaza), to insist they join them in Italy. Harper operates early on as a stand-in for the audience, a labor attorney who elicits blank stares from Cameron and Daphne when she suggests they're all living through "the end of the world."

She asks Ethan, again and again: Why did Cameron invite them here? What does he want?

The answer probably has something to do with money. But to a greater extent than in the first season, which explores structural inequities among the wealthy beach vacationers and Native Hawaiian members of the resort staff, "The White Lotus" is far more concerned with the psychology involved. What is it in Cameron that drives his habit of consistently belittling Ethan, who has always been smarter than his more popular friend? How do insecurities manifest in a friendship between two grown men?

Such issues of self-worth can plague any sort of relationship — but the show proposes that they eat the rich and ambitious alive. On an episode of "Fresh Air" from earlier this month, White told host Terry Gross that this most recent season broadly suggests that "when you're wealthy and you don't have situational problems that have to do with money, then your problems become existential.

"You have all of the tools to figure out your life, and you can't figure out your life," White said, adding that "if you're in paradise and you feel like something's missing or you're melancholy or you're tortured, you know it's not the ambient nature of what's going on — it's something in you."

His words recall the deeply morose nature of, say, Kendall Roy (Jeremy Strong), the fallen "Number 1 boy" of the cutthroat media-mogul family depicted in HBO's "Succession." They also ring true in Swedish filmmaker Ruben Östlund's class satire "Triangle of Sadness," which hit on similar truths of how wealth operates in the Western world.

Conflict first arises in "Triangle of Sadness" at a restaurant where high-fashion models Yaya (Charlbi Dean) and Carl (Harris Dickinson) fight over who is expected to pay for their dinner. It's more about the principle than the money itself, Carl insists at the beginning of an argument that comes to encompass the politics of sexuality as well. Later in the film, in circumstances where money can no longer serve as a distraction, it becomes apparent how aimless Yaya and Carl are without it.

What do the mega-rich really want? For Miles Bron, the answer is consistent for his close friends and the general public: acceptance and unwavering adoration. As the real, unplanned murder mystery of "Glass Onion" unfolds, Monáe and Craig's characters peel back Miles's layers as well. The biggest reveal turns out not to be the identity of the murderer, nor even the involved methodology, but rather how simple it is to shatter the illusions of personal grandeur that often accompany wealth.

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Sports columnist Fred Bowen is away this week. Find his past Score columns on *kidspost.com*.

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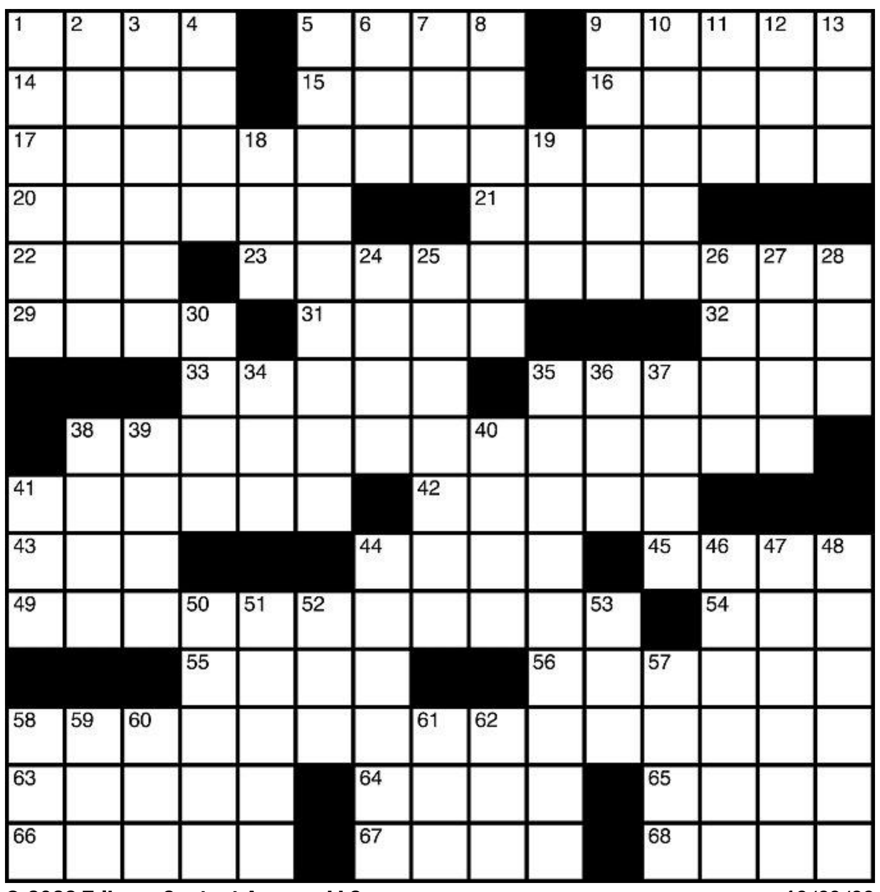
By Damon Gulczynski



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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

I want my boyfriend to drop his new offensive friend, a.k.a. the 'Manimal'

Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared Sept. 17, 2008.

Dear Carolyn: My boyfriend and I each have one or two friends whom the other doesn't really like, and it's okay with us. However, recently, my boyfriend became friends with someone I find very offensive. This person will say things that I find racist or sexist. In addition, he drinks heavily. (I mean, he calls himself the Manimal.)

I have told my boyfriend how I feel, and he said that he doesn't spend much time with him — and that I have to get to know him before judging him, because he can be a nice person, too. Now that we're back at school, I really do not want my boyfriend hanging out with him. When he's with him, my boyfriend tends to drink more than usual. What to do?

— *Va.*

Va.: Nothing. You've made your point. The more you try to control your boyfriend, the less you witness his free will in action. There's no more productive way to discover someone than to let him be himself. So wait and watch.

If you don't like what you see, though, then here's an important thing *not* to do: blame the Manimal. Your boyfriend is fully responsible for his taste in friends and his behavior in their presence.

You, likewise, are responsible for your companionship choices — not to be confused with a responsibility for making your companions change to justify your choice. Something to keep in mind if you find yourself with a Boyfriendimal on your hands.

Dear Carolyn: My girlfriend of two years was invited to the wedding of a classmate of hers. I asked whether I could attend as her date. She said that because the invitation didn't include me, I shouldn't go. I asked whether she wouldn't mind asking the bride. She refused.

I assumed she would stay only a very short time. By midnight, I finally hear from her. She proclaims that I am completely wrong and should not have made this into a big deal. My problem is that she didn't even try. And she was going to see two people with whom she has history. I believe I wasn't included because of them, which she denies.

— *R.*

R.: Your girlfriend was right: An invitation addressed only to her means you weren't invited, and it's not acceptable to pressure couples to add guests.

If you really believe your girlfriend is a liar who can't be trusted without a chaperone, then please direct your efforts to asking yourself why you haven't just broken up with her — instead of angling for invitations to weddings you apparently had no other reason to want to attend than to supervise her.

Dear Carolyn: My mom increasingly calls me for advice, especially about how to handle younger (but adult) siblings — which is odd, in that we're "good kids," so clearly my parents have some idea what they're doing. Some days, I find it flattering, but others, I find it very stressful.

— *Va.*

Va.: Advising can make you feel responsible for someone's choices, which explains the stress. But just as your mom chooses to seek your counsel, she can also choose not to heed it. All you can do is offer an informed opinion when you have one you want to offer and, even more important, recognize when you don't. And recognize that oracles can have questions, too.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
The Virginia men return from their holiday break by snapping a two-game skid with a victory over Albany. **D2**

ON THE NFL
Quarterback Zach Wilson's time with the Jets is bound for an ignominious ending, Jason La Canfora writes. **D3**

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With John Carlson sidelined for the "long term," the Capitals will need others to step up on the blue line. **D4**

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Maryland wide receiver Jeshaun Jones had his best game of the season Nov. 26 against Rutgers, finishing with nine receptions for 152 yards and a touchdown.

Highest highs, lowest lows

Jones started Terps career with three quick touchdowns, then suffered two ACL tears before a normal 2022

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

As a freshman, Jeshaun Jones tempered his expectations. He thought he would play but mostly late in lopsided games when wide receivers tend to block on running plays that drain the clock. But early in Maryland's 2018 opener against Texas, Jones heard his name shouted on the sideline.

He entered the game and scored on a jet sweep the first time he touched the ball. Soon after, Jones reeled in a deep pass for another touchdown. And before halftime, the Terrapins called a trick play they had practiced just a few times that week, and Jones launched a pass to the end zone, giving him scores on the first three touches of his college career. A freshman hadn't recorded rushing, receiving and passing touchdowns in a game since 2012.

Jones didn't initially grasp the magnitude of the moment. He noticed when the video board recognized his accomplishment, and he was glad his mom was at FedEx Field to see it. As Jones watched the defense, he stood next to an injured teammate who wore an Apple Watch. An ESPN notification appeared on the small screen, sharing the news of Jones's three touchdowns. Suddenly, Jones realized the significance of what he had done.

After the win, Jones scrolled for minutes on his phone before he reached the end of a stream of social media notifications. Fans recognized him and asked for pictures. His debut recalibrated Jones's expectations, providing a jolt of confidence but also adding pressure. Jones always hoped to play in the NFL, perhaps after just three seasons in college, and this monumental showing proved he was on the right track.

Four years later, Maryland's seniors watched a video that honored their careers in College Park. Jones's eyes welled with tears as the screen showed his heroics against Texas. In that emotional moment, Jones's mother, Nicole Baran, said she thinks her son remembered how he had "so much potential and so much ahead of him." And he was acutely aware of how his career unfolded instead.

After that dream start, Jones's production slowed during a turbulent year. He and his teammates were grieving the death of teammate Jordan McNair, then had to navigate the midseason departure of their fired coach. The program stabilized heading into Jones's sophomore year — only for him to tear his ACL during a preseason

SEE **MARYLAND** ON **D4**

Duke's Mayo Bowl: Maryland vs. North Carolina State | Tomorrow, noon, ESPN

Wentz will start at QB vs. Browns, Rivera says

Heinicke returns to bench as Washington makes final push for playoffs

BY NICKI JHABVALA

In search of "a little bit of a spark" and "a little something different," Washington Commanders Coach Ron Rivera named Carson Wentz his starting quarterback Wednesday. Taylor Heinicke, who led the Commanders to five wins in nine starts, will return to the bench and, if healthy, serve as the backup Sunday against the Cleveland Browns.

The quarterback change is Washington's 10th since Rivera was hired in 2020. Heinicke again returns to the No. 2 role after reviving the offense for a stretch.

Wentz, who was sidelined after suffering a finger injury in Week 6, was named Heinicke's backup when he returned to the active roster earlier this month. In his first game action since October, he came off the bench in the fourth quarter Saturday at the San Francisco 49ers and promptly led a touchdown drive.

"The biggest thing is he's more comfortable with what we're doing," Rivera said of the decision to move to Wentz. "That was evident in the [49ers] game in spite of the fact that they knew we were going to throw it. They kept coming. And I thought he handled those situations very well. He got the ball out a couple times hot, got it out to where they needed to be thrown. He threw some really nice balls. His decision-making was very quick. . . . Now he's had a little bit more of an opportunity to see the rest of the offense, feel the rest

SEE **COMMANDERS** ON **D3**

Browns at Commanders
Sunday, 1 p.m., Fox

Commanders' latest change isn't a solution for the future

Barry Svrluga

Ron Rivera is moving back to Carson Wentz, and that's in an effort to beat Cleveland on Sunday, beat Dallas the following week and play further into 2023. "That's what I'm really concerned with right now, is getting into the playoffs," the Washington Commanders' coach said, and it makes all the sense in the world.

These games, though, don't exist in a vacuum. Whether Wentz plays well in place of Taylor Heinicke — who replaced Wentz way back when the Commanders were a lowly 2-4 — will help determine whether Washington clings to the seventh and final spot in the NFC playoffs. But it also will help determine who will play quarterback for this team next season. How frightening.

What a predicament. The correct course of action for fans is to root for the Commanders — and therefore for Wentz — so Washington might finish with a winning record for the first time in Rivera's three seasons. But if Wentz plays two solid games — and maybe a third or even fourth in the playoffs — might he be entrenching himself in the job again next year?

There's the problem: Any Washington fan wants a playoff appearance, particularly in an NFC field that, aside from Philadelphia and San Francisco, is likely to include some decidedly beatable opponents. For a franchise that has just one playoff victory this century, passing on these opportunities is unwise.

SEE **SVRLUGA** ON **D3**

It's time for the NCAA to return the Heisman it stole from Bush

Sally Jenkins

Give the Heisman Trophy back to Reggie Bush. The NCAA was the real cheater, not Bush. For decades, the NCAA perpetrated something close to a crime, defrauding Bush and other college athletes of their name, image and likeness rights, only to invert the morals of the situation and brand the young champion the criminal for accepting what he merely was entitled to. Give the Heisman back. It's stolen property.

With Southern Cal's return to prominence as a bowl contender and producer of Heisman winners, it's impossible not to recall that 2005 season when Bush led the Trojans to the national championship game with such sudden bursting speed and jagged changes of direction that his runs felt like firebolts. Remember how he could shimmy through the smallest opening, turn a shoulder and hip sideways and then, with one foot jab, explode up the field in an act of pure combustion? He might have been the most exciting collegiate runner of the modern era, and every yard was an act of headlong devotion.

"I never cheated this game," Bush tweeted last summer when he launched a campaign to recover his trophy from the NCAA and the Heisman Trust. "That was what they wanted you to believe about me."

As sneaker executive Sonny Vaccaro once remarked of the NCAA's capsized ethics, "The bottom of this is the top." Bush was stripped of his Heisman in 2010 for accepting what the NCAA termed "impermissible benefits." He took a free Impala and a rental house for his parents from a couple of start-up marketers who cooperated with Bush's stepfather, LaMar Griffin, to seek memorabilia deals and other opportunities on his behalf. When the arrangement was discovered, Bush was disgraced. He is the only Heisman winner to have his trophy seized.

But what was truly

SEE **JENKINS** ON **D4**

Wizards cruise to third straight win

JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

Guard Delon Wright didn't put up huge numbers for the Wizards, scoring just three points, but his defense proved invaluable.

WIZARDS 127, SUNS 102

BY AVA WALLACE

Since his return from a nearly two-month absence because of a hamstring strain, Delon Wright has maintained that his feel for the game will return slowly. The Washington Wizards backup point guard expects that regaining his conditioning and his feel for his shot will be a gradual process with an unknown end date. One thing he was sure of: His defense would be ahead of his offense.

Wright might have been underestimating himself on that last point. He played defense Wednesday as if he hadn't missed a game.

The Wizards registered their third straight victory with a 127-102 win over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night at Capital One Arena. They did so without Bradley Beal (left hamstring

SEE **WIZARDS** ON **D2**

Wizards at Magic
Tomorrow, 7 p.m., NBCSW

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

No. 13 Cavaliers end skid with rout of Great Danes

VIRGINIA 66, ALBANY 46

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Armaan Franklin scored 20 points, Jayden Gardner had 16, and the No. 13 Virginia men ended a two-game skid, breezing past Albany, 66-46, on Wednesday night in Charlottesville.

Coming off losses at home to Houston and on the road to Miami that sent it tumbling from the No. 2 spot in the AP top 25, Virginia (9-2) went on a 30-4 run spanning the halves to pull away in its final nonconference game.

The Cavaliers played without starting guard Reece Beekman, who is battling a right hamstring injury, probably with an eye toward having him ready for their ACC clash at Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Da'Kquan Davis led the Great Danes (5-10) with 11 points. They shot 31 percent overall (16 for 52).

• **CONNECTICUT 74, VILLANOVA 66:** Jordan Hawkins scored 22 points to propel the second-ranked Huskies (14-0, 3-0 Big East) past the Wildcats in Hartford, Conn.

The victory allowed U-Conn. to tie the 1953-54 team for the third best start in program history.

Caleb Daniels led Villanova (7-6, 1-1) with 23 points.

• **TENNESSEE 63, MISSISSIPPI 59:** Santiago Vescovi scored 22 points and combined with Zakai Zeigler to convert six free throws in the final 1:09 to help the No. 7 Volunteers (11-2) top the Rebels in the SEC opener for both teams in Oxford, Miss.

Mississippi (8-5) was led by Jaemyn Brakefield, who hit four second-half three-pointers and scored 18 points.

• **LSU 60, ARKANSAS 57:** KJ Williams made a key steal and Adam Miller sank two free throws with two seconds remaining to lift the Tigers to an upset of the No. 9 Razorbacks in Baton Rouge.

LSU (12-1, 1-0 SEC) got a spinning layup from Trae Hannibal to go ahead 58-55 with 32 seconds remaining. A layup by Anthony Black after his offensive rebound got the Razorbacks (11-2, 0-1) within one again.

• **GONZAGA 120, EASTERN OREGON 42:** Drew Timme had 18 points and seven rebounds in 17 minutes, Efton Reid III added a season-high 16 points, and the 10th-ranked Bulldogs raced past the NAIA Mountaineers in Spokane, Wash., to set a program record for largest margin of victory.

Gonzaga (11-3) also extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 73 games.

Malachi Afework finished with 11 points for Eastern Oregon (7-4), which played the game as an exhibition.

• **TCU 103, CENTRAL ARKANSAS 57:** Emanuel Miller had 20 points and 10 rebounds as the No. 18 Horned Frogs (11-1) extended their winning streak to nine games with a blowout win over the Bears in Fort Worth.

Eddy Kayouloud had 14 points and Carl Daugherty 10 for Central Arkansas (5-8).

• **MISSOURI 89, KENTUCKY 75:** Kobe Brown scored 30 points in a dominant performance, D'Moi Hodge added 15 and the Tigers blew out the 19th-ranked Wildcats (8-4) in the SEC opener for both teams in Columbia, Mo.

DeAndre Gholston and Sean East II had 12 points apiece for the Tigers (12-1), who are off to their best start in nine years.

• **AUBURN 61, FLORIDA 58:** In Auburn, Ala., Chris Moore got a steal in the final seconds and Wendell Green Jr. made a layup at the buzzer to cap the 20th-ranked Tigers' victory over the Gators in the SEC opener for both teams.

Johni Broome's layup gave Auburn (11-2) a 59-58 advantage with 1:16 left

Kowacie Reeves led Florida (7-6) with 15 points.

Barnes Arico hits milestone

In Lincoln, Neb., Leigha Brown scored 20 points as the No. 14 Michigan women handled the Cornhuskers, 76-59, to give Coach Kim Barnes Arico her 500th career win.

Emily Kiser had three three-pointers and 18 points for the Wolverines (12-1, 2-0 Big Ten).

Jaz Shelley had 21 points to lead the Cornhuskers (10-4, 2-1).

• **SETON HALL 72, GEORGETOWN 62:** The Hoyas (8-5, 1-3 Big East) took a three-point lead into the fourth quarter but were thoroughly outplayed in the game's final 10 minutes and fell to the Pirates in South Orange, N.J.

Lauren Park-Lane led Seton Hall (10-4, 3-1) with a game-high 23 points.

• **HOWARD 79, VCU 67:** Destiny Howell scored a career-high 35 points and buried nine three-pointers as the Bison (4-9) upended the Rams (3-9) in Richmond.

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Armaan Franklin scored a game-high 20 points as No. 13 Virginia, playing for the first time in eight days, snapped a two-game slide.

NBA ROUNDUP

Detroit overcomes scuffle, ejections to snap slide

PISTONS 121, MAGIC 101

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Alec Burks scored a season-high 32 points, Saddiq Bey added 28, and the host Detroit Pistons overcame the ejection of two players after a scuffle to beat the Orlando Magic, 121-101, on Wednesday and snap a six-game losing streak.

"I'm really proud of our guys," Pistons Coach Dwane Casey said. "We have had a lot of adversity, and with a young team, it is great to see them play like this."

Killian Hayes and Hamadou Diallo were thrown out after the fight just before halftime. Moritz Wagner was tossed for Orlando; he took a shot to the back of the head from Hayes and appeared to be briefly knocked out.

"He's fine," said Franz Wagner, Moritz's younger brother. "I haven't seen the video, but I know that's the last thing he wanted to do."

Jalen Duren finished with seven points and 18 rebounds for the Pistons, who got 76 points from their bench. Franz Wagner had 19 points for Orlando.

With 33 seconds left in the half, Moritz Wagner hip-checked Hayes into the Pistons' bench as they chased a loose ball. With Wagner facing the players on the Detroit bench, every Orlando player raced to the spot.

Wagner was ejected for a flagrant foul, while Hayes and Diallo were ejected for their actions in the aftermath. Hayes got back up and struck Wagner in the back of the head, knocking him into the bench.

• **PELICANS 119, TIMBERWOLVES 118:** Zion Williamson (career-high 43 points) split two free throws, making the first, with four seconds remaining to lift host New Orleans over Minnesota.

Anthony Edwards and D'Angelo Russell led the Timberwolves with 27 points apiece.

• **HEAT 112, LAKERS 98:** Jimmy Butler scored 27 points and Bam Adebayo added 23 points and 14 rebounds as host Miami beat Los Angeles to move above .500.

LeBron James had 27 points for the Lakers.

• **NETS 108, HAWKS 107:** Kyrie Irving scored 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter, Kevin Durant had 26 points and a season-high 16 rebounds, and Brooklyn won its 10th straight game, beating shorthanded Atlanta.

The streak is the longest in the NBA this season and four shy of the Nets' franchise record.

Dejounte Murray scored 24 points for host Atlanta, which scratched leading scorer Trae Young before tip-off with a left calf contusion.

• **BULLS 119, BUCKS 113 (OT):** DeMar DeRozan scored 42 points and made two free throws to ice host Chicago's victory as the Bulls overcame Giannis Antetokounmpo's 45-point, 22-rebound, seven-assist night.

Cut sidelines Knicks' Barrett

New York forward RJ Barrett will miss about a week after suffering a laceration on his index finger in Tuesday's loss to Dallas, the New York Daily News reported.

Wizards blot out the Suns in easy win

WIZARDS FROM D1

soreness), making it a triumph in which Wright reminded the Wizards — again — just how valuable he is.

When Kyle Kuzma was asked on the court afterward how Washington had turned a 10-game losing streak into this promising stretch, his response was short: "Delon Wright. We got Delon Wright back."

The Wizards started well, but just as they did in Phoenix eight days earlier, when they gave up a 17-point lead in the third quarter, they watched as a 19-point first-half lead was winnowed to four near the end of the third.

With 1:02 remaining, Wright set up Deni Avdija for a dunk, then had a deflection and a steal for a fast break that resulted in a three-point play. He capped it all off by stealing the ball from Chris Paul — who owns the sixth-best assist-to-turnover ratio in the NBA — to leave Washington (15-21) with a healthier 93-84 lead before it dominated the fourth quarter 34-18.

"I felt like I had to do something to help the team," Wright said. "Getting steals always helps."

Said Coach Wes Unseld Jr.: "He makes the most of those minutes, impacts the game right away. His defense ability, size, athleticism — he's got just great feel and timing. He comes away with deflections, finds a way to get to those loose balls, and . . . those are momentum plays. He single-handedly, in my opinion, changed that stretch."

Wright, whose first game back tipped off this winning streak, finished Wednesday's game with just three points, one rebound, three steals and three assists in 15 minutes — but his fingerprints were all over the win, just as they were Tuesday during a convincing victory over Philadelphia. In that game, Wright pestered James Harden and zipped around the court to contest shots with sharp defensive know-how that his teammates rave about.

"As I was [injured and] watching games, I've been seeing little things that the team could do better — playing in the passing lane, being active in the passing lane," Wright said. "So I just felt like I picked up on that. We need to do better [in that area], and I just feel like I'm doing it."

Wednesday was a big night for the bench. Rui Hachimura led the Wizards with 30 points, matching a career high, and five rebounds. Kristaps Porzingis had 22 points and six rebounds, and Kuzma had 22 points and seven assists.

"Tonight, Brad was out, so I knew I had to be more aggressive on the offensive side because we had to score," Hachimura said. "I was trying to be more efficient. Today, everybody was sharing the ball. I think it was good."

The Wizards owned the paint to start the first half, shot crisply and rebounded well to grab a 19-point lead in the second quarter. Center Daniel Gafford, who started alongside Porzingis again in a supersized lineup, was active and helped set an energetic tone. For the game, Washington shot 57.3 percent. Deandre Ayton led the Suns (20-16) with 31 points and Paul had 20, but they couldn't keep up without Devin Booker, who will be out at least four weeks with a groin strain.

The Wizards were missing their own star guard, but no matter. Another guard stepped up to help lead the team to another victory.

Here's what else to know about the Wizards' win:

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Rui Hachimura, left, matched a career high with 30 points, and Kyle Kuzma finished with 22 points and seven assists in the rout.

WIZARDS' NEXT THREE

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Phoenix	21	34	29	18	— 102
Washington	36	28	29	34	— 127

PHOENIX	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Craig	29:19	2-6	0-0	2-5	0	2	5
Landale	15:43	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	3	5
Ayton	36:12	14-22	2-2	6-7	3	3	31
Bridges	40:23	6-15	2-2	1-4	5	1	17
Paul	31:38	8-15	1-2	0-2	7	3	20
Lee	25:25	2-6	3-4	0-2	3	3	8
Okogie	20:39	1-4	0-0	0-4	2	1	3
Washington Jr.	17:01	4-12	1-2	1-2	2	1	10
Wainright	12:47	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	3
Biyombo	8:06	0-1	0-2	1-2	0	1	0
Saric	2:45	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	39-87	11-16	11-30	25	21	102

Percentages: FG .448, FT .688. **3-Point Goals:** 13-31, .419 (Bridges 3-6, Paul 3-6, Ayton 1-1, Landale 1-2, Craig 1-3, Lee 1-3, Okogie 1-3, Wainright 1-3, Washington Jr. 1-4). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Paul 2, Bridges, Okogie). **Turnovers:** 11 (Paul 4, Ayton 2, Craig 2, Landale, Lee, Okogie). **Steals:** 7 (Ayton 2, Bridges 2, Paul 2, Washington Jr.). **Technical Fouls:** Suns, 9:15 third; Ayton, 2:55 third; Lee, 4:29 fourth; coach Monty Williams, 3:57 fourth; Paul, 2:45 fourth.

WASHINGTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Gafford	24:42	6-7	2-2	4-8	1	3	14
Kuzma	35:40	8-17	4-4	0-5	7	2	22
Porzingis	33:37	8-15	4-4	1-6	2	2	22
Kispert	27:30	2-6	2-3	0-1	1	0	7
Morris	30:33	4-8	3-3	1-6	8	2	12
Hachimura	27:42	11-13	7-8	3-5	1	0	30
Avdija	27:11	3-5	1-2	1-7	2	2	8
Wright	15:29	1-3	1-1	0-1	3	1	3
Gibson	9:44	3-5	1-1	1-2	1	1	7
Carey Jr.	1:58	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Davis	1:58	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Gill	1:58	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Goodwin	1:58	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
TOTALS	240	47-82	25-28	12-46	27	15	127

Percentages: FG .573, FT .893. **3-Point Goals:** 8-26, .308 (Kuzma 2-4, Porzingis 2-6, Hachimura 1-2, Morris 1-2, Avdija 1-3, Kispert 1-5, Davis 0-1, Gibson 0-1, Wright 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Gafford 3, Gibson, Hachimura). **Turnovers:** 12 (Avdija 3, Porzingis 3, Wright 2, Gafford, Gibson, Kispert, Kuzma). **Steals:** 7 (Wright 3, Gibson, Kispert, Kuzma, Porzingis). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 20,476 (20,356).

Beal sits again

Beal was a game-time decision. He tested his hamstring during pregame warmups in which he appeared far less mobile than normal — he mostly stood near the basket or at the free throw line, apparently testing to see whether he could push off his left leg while shooting — before the Wizards announced he would not play.

Asked whether Beal had undergone imaging after a report from the Athletic indicated he underwent an MRI exam, Unseld said, "He's been fully evaluated."

After he was hurt late in the fourth quarter Tuesday, Beal was visibly upset, pulling and snapping his headband in frustration. He had returned to the court Dec. 18 after missing six games with a right hamstring strain — and earlier missed five games in November after he tested positive for the coronavirus.

"You can tell in his body language, I think there's some frustration," Unseld said. "He wants to be out there and help generate his own rhythm and feels like every time he gets a few games under his belt, you're plagued with something. I can understand the human side of that."

Short rotations

Even without Beal, Unseld kept his rotation short until the final 1:58, when he emptied the bench. Wing Will Barton, a starter for Denver last season, did not play for the second straight game. Backup guard Jordan Goodwin and forward Anthony Gill appeared only in garbage time.

Gafford starts hot

Gafford scored 10 of his 14 points in the first half and spent the bulk of his time contending with Ayton on defense. Gafford also pulled down eight rebounds in 25 minutes.

Fan escorted out

A spectator was escorted from Capital One Arena late in the fourth quarter. A security guard asked the fan, who was seated on the floor next to the Phoenix bench, to leave before the two had a brief altercation and police officers came over. An officer led the fan up the arena stairs.

DIGEST

SWIMMING

Ledecky is honored as AP's top female athlete

A change of scenery worked out just fine for **Katie Ledecky**.

Shifting coasts and coaches after last summer's Tokyo Olympics, the American swimmer turned in another stellar performance at the world championships, set a pair of world records and capped 2022 as the Associated Press female athlete of the year, selected by a panel of 40 sportswriters and editors from news outlets across the country.

Ledecky, who previously won the award in 2017, edged out American track star **Sydney McLaughlin** in balloting announced Wednesday.

The two tied in total points, but Ledecky got the nod with 10 first-place votes to McLaughlin's nine. Basketball standout **A'ja Wilson** finished third.

Ledecky, who won her first Olympic gold medal in 2012 at 15, has managed to stay on top in female freestyle swimming's longest pool events for the better part of a decade.

SKIING

Everyone in ski racing seems to be counting **Mikaela Shiffrin**'s World Cup wins. Except for Shiffrin herself.

The four-time overall champion won a gripping duel with Swiss rival **Lara Gut-Behrami** in a giant slalom in Semmering, Austria, to earn career victory No. 79.

Shiffrin also won Tuesday's giant slalom on the same course and is three World Cup wins short of the women's record held by **Lindsey Vonn**.

Beyond Vonn, only Swedish skiing great **Ingemar Stenmark** (86) has more World Cup wins. . . .

Vincent Kriechmayr made a two-minute run on one of the world's most demanding downhill courses look easy. The world champion from Austria skied the icy and bumpy course in Bormio, Italy, to perfection to win the last men's World Cup downhill of 2022.

BASEBALL

A Dominican court convicted 10 people involved in the 2019 attempted killing of baseball Hall of Famer **David Ortiz**, authorities confirmed.

Ortiz, a Dominican Republic native, was ambushed by a man who got off a motorcycle and shot him in the back at close range while the former Boston Red Sox slugger was at a bar with friends in a well-off neighborhood of Santo Domingo.

Two men, including alleged shooter **Rolfi Ferreyra Cruz**, were each sentenced to 30 years in prison. . . .

Right-hander **Corey Kluber**, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, and the Red Sox are in agreement on a one-year, $10 million contract that includes a club option for 2024. . . .

The Atlanta Braves signed newly acquired catcher **Sean Murphy** to a six-year, $73 million contract. . . .

The Miami Marlins agreed with infielder **Jean Segura**, who spent last season with Philadelphia, on a two-year, $17 million contract.

MISC.

Boxer **Gervonta Davis** was jailed in Florida after he struck a woman in the face, authorities said. An arrest report obtained by the Associated Press said Davis hit the woman with a "closed hand type slap" at a home in Parkland, Fla., on Tuesday, causing a small abrasion to the inside of her upper lip.

Davis, 28, remained in a Broward County jail Wednesday afternoon on a domestic violence charge of battery causing bodily harm, according to criminal records and a jail official.

Davis is scheduled to headline a boxing event Jan. 7 at Capital One Arena. . . .

World Cup superstar **Kylian Mbappé** scored a penalty deep into stoppage time as unbeaten French league-leader Paris Saint-Germain overcame **Neymar**'s red card to scrape a 2-1 home win against Strasbourg. . . .

Erling Haaland scored twice for Manchester City in a 2-1 English Premier League victory at Leeds. . . .

Novak Djokovic arrived in Australia almost a year after he was deported over his stance against coronavirus vaccination, Tennis Australia confirmed. Djokovic is aiming for his 10th Australian Open title.

— From news services

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NFL

8:15 p.m.	**Dallas at Tennessee** » Prime Video

NHL

7 p.m.	**Ottawa at Washington** » NBC Sports Washington, WJFK (106.7 FM)

NBA

7:30 p.m.	**Los Angeles Clippers at Boston** » NBA TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2 p.m.	**Pinstripe Bowl: Syracuse vs. Minnesota** » ESPN
5:30 p.m.	**Cheez-It Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Florida State** » ESPN
9 p.m.	**Alamo Bowl: Texas vs. Washington** » ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.	**Brown at Northwestern** » Big Ten Network
3 p.m.	**Alabama A&M at Ohio State** » Big Ten Network
5 p.m.	**Florida A&M at Purdue** » Big Ten Network
6:30 p.m.	**Providence at Butler** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**Hofstra at Delaware** » CBS Sports Network
7 p.m.	**Iowa at Nebraska** » Big Ten Network
7 p.m.	**Maryland Baltimore County at Maryland** » ESPNU, WTEM (980 AM)
8 p.m.	**Georgetown at DePaul** » Fox Sports 2, WDCH (99.1 FM)
8:30 p.m.	**Bethune-Cookman at Illinois** » Fox Sports 1
9 p.m.	**Valparaiso at Drake** » CBS Sports Network
9 p.m.	**UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton** » ESPNU
9 p.m.	**Tulane at Cincinnati** » ESPN2
10 p.m.	**Utah at California** » Pac-12 Network
11 p.m.	**Colorado at Stanford** » ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.	**Virginia Tech at Clemson** » MASN
6 p.m.	**Notre Dame at Miami** » ACC Network
7 p.m.	**LSU at Arkansas** » ESPN2
7 p.m.	**Texas A&M at South Carolina** » SEC Network
8 p.m.	**Florida State at North Carolina** » MASN
8 p.m.	**Arizona State at Arizona** » Pac-12 Network
8 p.m.	**Duke at North Carolina State** » ACC Network
9 p.m.	**Purdue at Iowa** » Big Ten Network
9 p.m.	**Kentucky at Missouri** » SEC Network

NBA G LEAGUE

7 p.m.	**Motor City at Capital City** » NBC Sports Washington Plus

SOCCER

9 a.m.	**Turkish Super Lig: Galatasaray at Sivasspor** » beIN Sports
11 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Montpellier at Lorient** » beIN Sports
1 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Rennes at Reims** » beIN Sports
3 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Toulouse at Marseille** » beIN Sports

TENNIS

6 p.m.	**United Cup, Day 2** » Tennis Channel

WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

11 a.m.	**Group B: Finland vs. Latvia** » NHL Network
1:30 p.m.	**Group A: Czech Republic vs. Sweden** » NHL Network
4 p.m.	**Group B: United States vs. Switzerland** » NHL Network
6:30 p.m.	**Group A: Austria at Canada** » NHL Network

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Wilson's time in New York is ending just like the Jets' season: Badly

On the NFL
JASON LA CANFORA

Add Zach Wilson to the list of recent first-round quarterbacks who won't see out their rookie contracts with the teams that drafted them. It's virtually certain that he will not be back with the New York Jets next season.

Neither side wants to go through that. It's over.

Last Thursday night's debacle in the cold December rain, with the Jets' offense hitting new lows in ineptitude and the No. 2 pick from 2021 being benched for the second time this season, was the end in the eyes of general managers and evaluators around the league. The Jets cannot and will not bring him back to that locker room for a long offseason; hence, Coach Robert Saleh's announcement that Wilson will be inactive in Week 17. Wilson will want out of New York after all this yo-yoing, and the franchise will be left trying to answer the same question that has been raised since the decline of Joe Namath: What's the long-term answer at quarterback?

In this instance, the uncertainty runs even deeper. We already have chronicled the disconnect between owner Woody Johnson and Saleh, whose hiring Johnson played no significant role in while he was serving an ambassadorship abroad. And as the Jets' season unraveled and fans booed Wilson's every move last week, throwing their support behind journeyman backup Chris Streveler, NFL personnel executives were pondering what changes Johnson might demand beyond the already inevitable exodus of Wilson.

"This is killing Woody. Trust me — I know him well," said one high-ranking NFL official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he is not permitted to discuss other teams publicly.

"All of that booing is driving him crazy," said the executive, who predicted more changes are in store, possibly reaching the upper levels of the front office. "He already wasn't really sold on this coach. He's going to want [offensive coordinator Mike] LaFleur out and some changes to that staff. He can't help himself. Weren't they 6-3 at the bye? And now they're getting booed out of their own stadium at Christmas. I'm telling you, something is going to happen there."

And to think, the Jets went into that bye week coming off what appeared to be a franchise-altering upset of the mighty Buffalo Bills. But Wilson's epic failure is the kind of development that tends to cost people jobs, even in the steadiest organizations. This one, um, does not qualify as such; infighting, cliques and constant change have been the hallmarks of the Jets under Johnson's stewardship.

During the Jets' four-game losing streak, they have scored a grand total of 54 points. They have been held to 20 points or fewer in seven of their past nine games. Since Week 7, Jets quarterbacks have combined for eight touchdown passes — tied for the fourth fewest in the NFL — with a 77.5 rating that is also fourth worst. They're tied for last in offensive points per game since Week 7, somehow level with the broken Denver Broncos.

They still must travel to Seattle and Miami to close what's becoming a lost season, with their playoff hopes not officially expunged but nearly so. The specter of ending this once-promising campaign with six consecutive losses and a last-place finish in the AFC East — the miserable Patriots already swept them — won't improve Johnson's mood. The Jets seem a mess once more. The quarterback probably won't be the only one to go, and one NFL general manager posited the potential return for Wilson in a trade as a sixth-round pick or perhaps a fifth. Yikes.

SARAH STIER/GETTY IMAGES

Zach Wilson, the No. 2 overall pick in 2021, was benched last week for the second time this season and will be inactive in Week 17.

Bisciotti the next to sell?

Among the interested parties awaiting the massive sale price the Washington Commanders are sure to command: Baltimore Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti.

Other owners and executives have long eyed him as among the next owners to sell, with Bisciotti possibly seeking the right moment on the other side of the pandemic. His presence at league meetings has waned over the years, and the retirement in the spring of longtime team president Dick Cass — the de facto daily boss within the Ravens' facility — was taken as another strong indicator that Bisciotti could explore a departure sooner rather than later. The owner made it clear on a team-sponsored podcast around that time that he has no succession plan, that this franchise won't be staying in his family and that he will sell when he feels the time is right.

"He's been on my shortlist for a few years," said one well-connected individual who has been involved with franchise transactions in the past but who is not permitted to speak freely about them. "After [the Commanders sale], he goes to the head of the class."

Watching Daniel Snyder — the unpopular billionaire down the street whose team is facing multiple investigations — potentially get up to $7 billion for a franchise with no winning pedigree, no quarterback, a run-down stadium without a plan for a new one and a bottom-tier headquarters/practice facility — is going to get Bisciotti's attention. The Panthers' and Broncos' sales sent prices soaring, and there are going to be a good number of billionaires who miss out on the Commanders sale who are already vetted, liquid and keenly interested in owning an NFL franchise in the Mid-Atlantic. The Ravens also have a path to an additional $600 million in potential stadium upgrades that could lead to a new lease at M&T Bank Stadium, which provides even more incentive to invest in them now.

"This is going to set off a chain reaction," said a plugged-in, high-ranking official with an NFL club that probably will be sold in the coming years. "There are going to be one or two more sold right behind it."

So it might be the perfect time for Bisciotti to cash out on an investment that he bought into for just $600 million in 2000.

Carr's tenuous future

A few weeks back, we chronicled what appeared to be the end days for Derek Carr and the Raiders. That proposition has only gained steam in NFL circles, and expect the Raiders to be jostling for draft position to try to land their quarterback of the future this spring. What is Carr worth in a trade? Maybe a second-round pick, suggested one GM, pointing to the complicated Carson Wentz deal as a potential comp. "I think he's better than Wentz," said the GM, who mentioned Carolina, Washington and Tampa Bay as potential destinations for Carr. . . .

How good is Brock Purdy? With a growing sample size — including another strong outing against the Commanders — the 49ers' third starting quarterback of the season is earning high marks around the league. "I liked him some coming out of college," said one evaluator who has watched Purdy start in the NFL but is not allowed to comment publicly on players on other rosters. "What I liked most was the way he throws with anticipation. He's a perfect fit with [Coach Kyle] Shanahan. He fell into the perfect situation. But he's smart, he throws with anticipation, he knows where to put the ball, and he makes strong reads. And he's a winner. The kid wins games. Hell, he was a winner at Iowa State." That executive said he is becoming more convinced by the week that the 49ers will trade Trey Lance, whom they moved up to take one pick after Wilson in the 2021 draft.

NFL NOTES

Dolphins' Tagovailoa suffered concussion

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was diagnosed with a concussion and is expected to miss this weekend's game, the team said Wednesday. As a result, the NFL and NFL Players Association launched their second joint review of the season to determine whether their protocols were followed properly in the evaluation and treatment of a head injury.

Tagovailoa suffered his second diagnosed concussion this season during Sunday's game against the Green Bay Packers in Miami Gardens, Fla. He struck his head on the turf after a hit in the first half, but he continued to play in the game and finished it.

Dolphins Coach Mike McDaniel said Wednesday that after his Monday morning review of the video of Sunday's game, he recommended Tagovailoa consult with doctors. Tagovailoa was placed in the NFL's concussion protocols Monday. McDaniel said Wednesday that doctors determined Tagovailoa suffered a concussion. McDaniel declined to speculate when Tagovailoa might play again. The Dolphins, losers of four straight games and clinging to the final playoff spot in the AFC, are planning for backup quarterback Teddy Bridgewater to start Sunday on the road against New England.

The league and players union will review the case. The NFLPA initiated the latest joint review, according to a person familiar with the situation.

"We welcome that review, and as we have done previously, we will report the results in conjunction with the NFLPA," the NFL said in a written statement issued through a spokesman.

Allen Sills, the NFL's chief medical officer, said in a televised interview Tuesday that nothing occurred during Sunday's game to prompt an in-game evaluation of Tagovailoa under the protocols.

— Mark Maske

• **RAIDERS:** Las Vegas will start Jarrett Stidham the final two games at quarterback in place of Derek Carr, said Coach Josh McDaniels, who cited the team's struggles on offense for the move.

Carr, a nine-year veteran, will be inactive the last two games, and Chase Garbers will be the backup.

• **TITANS:** Tennessee ruled out four starters — defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons (ankle), safety Amani Hooker (knee), outside linebacker Bud Dupree (pectoral) and inside linebacker Zach Cunningham (elbow) — for Thursday's game against Dallas.

• **BROWNS:** Cleveland defensive end Jadeveon Clowney was back at practice after missing one game with a concussion while starting left tackle Jedrick Wills Jr. sat out with a back issue as the Browns prepare to face the Washington Commanders on Sunday.

• **MISC.:** Denver Broncos linebacker Randy Gregory and Los Angeles Rams offensive lineman Oday Aboushi won't serve a one-game suspension for fighting in Sunday's game. Both players appealed their suspensions and instead will pay a fine.

— Associated Press

With team in search of a spark, Wentz takes over as the starter

COMMANDERS FROM **D1**

of the offense, and I think that's a big part of [his improved play]."

"I wasn't just out and away from everybody," Wentz said of the weeks he was sidelined after surgery. "I was still in every meeting, trying to learn and trying to grow within this offense, taking every chance I could to get better and further my understanding for this opportunity. By no means do I have it all figured out. But . . . I've been able to kind of understand [the offense] a little bit deeper and, hopefully, recall quicker."

Wentz is also fresh, Rivera said. He rehabbed his surgically repaired right ring finger and was spared the hits and bruises Heinicke is working through; Heinicke didn't throw at practice Wednesday because he's "a little beat up," Rivera said.

"Obviously, you want to play, but it's out of my hands now," Heinicke said. "They made the decision, and I'm going to try to be the best backup I can be to Carson. . . . Two-and-a-half years ago, I was out of the league, and you just want to stay in it as long as you can. So hopefully this year has bought me a couple more years at least."

Heinicke, who will be a free agent after the season, guided the Commanders to a 5-3-1 record as the starter, turning around their dismal start and putting them in playoff position. During that stretch, he completed 62.2 percent of his passes for an average of 206.6 yards per game, plus 12 touchdowns, six interceptions and an 89.6 passer rating.

For three quarters against the 49ers, Heinicke played efficiently, completing 13 of 17 passes for 166 yards, two touchdowns, no turnovers and a 145.7 passer rating. But two turnovers to start the fourth quarter, combined with two failed fourth-and-one attempts earlier in the game and two red-zone turnovers in Week 15 against the New York Giants, prompted Rivera to make a change.

Wentz took over with a little more than nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter and the Commanders trailing the 49ers 30-14. Washington went no-huddle, and Wentz threw on 10 of 11 plays on his first drive, which ended with a 20-yard touchdown pass to Curtis Samuel.

Although the rally came up short, the minimal playing time both spotlighted Wentz's strengths and raised questions about Washington's plan at quarterback for the final two games.

JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

Carson Wentz will make his first start at quarterback since October on Sunday against the Browns.

With Heinicke, Washington shifted to a run-first identity, relying heavily on running backs Brian Robinson Jr. and Antonio Gibson. It remains to be seen whether Washington will keep a similar approach with Wentz as the starter or slip back into an offense that makes the passing game more of a focal point.

"That's a big part of why he's here, obviously, because we believe he can throw it," Rivera said of Wentz. "He can throw the ball downfield and make those long, deep throws on the outs, on the [corner] routes. Those things are a big part of what we do as an offense."

Wentz's second stint as the starter also gives him an opportunity to do what he couldn't last season. The Indianapolis Colts' two losses to end their season kept them out of the playoffs and ultimately led to the trade of Wentz to Washington. This season, wins against the Browns and Dallas Cowboys would guarantee the Commanders a spot in the playoffs.

"We have a shot to control our own destiny, and to get to this point in the season after everything we've been through as a team, I think it means a lot to us," Wentz said. "We all know where we're at. We all know what we're up against and what we're capable of."

BARRY SVRLUGA

Commanders' latest change isn't a long-term solution for their quarterback issues

SVRLUGA FROM **D1**

But you don't want Wentz to be the quarterback of the future — even in 2023. He is a placeholder, no better. Shoot, the Commanders are in this position — fighting for the playoffs as 2022 turns to 2023 — because Heinicke replaced the injured Wentz and karmically, if not statistically, provided a lift. Do the Commanders go on the 5-1 run that rid them of a 2-4 start with Wentz at the controls? We will never know. I suspect not.

The following drill might be tired, but it remains instructive. Compare a couple of quarterbacks and their 2022 statistics.

QB A's stats: 62.9 completion percentage, 4.4 touchdown percentage, 2.4 interception percentage, 8.5 sack percentage, 6.5 yards per attempt, an 86.3 passer rating and a 32.6 QBR. (QBR is ESPN's quarterback rating metric, a category led by Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes at 78.7; Minnesota's Kirk Cousins ranks 20th at 51.0.)

QB B's stats: 62.2 completion percentage, 4.6 touchdown percentage, 2.3 interception percentage, 6.8 sack percentage, 7.2 yards per attempt, an 89.6 passer rating and a 45.0 QBR.

Who's who? Why does it matter? It's clear one is not worth $22 million — Wentz's salary this season — and the other $2.375 million, which is the average of Heinicke's two-year deal. If you're going to get basically the same production out of each quarterback, go with the cost-effective one so you can build the rest of your roster.

More than that: Wentz's deal, should the Commanders not opt out of it — and they can opt out with no salary cap ramifications — calls for him to make $20 million in 2023 and $21 million in 2024. That doesn't seem like money well spent — and that's regardless of how he plays over the following two weeks and potentially into the playoffs.

So this is a conundrum. Root for the Commanders because that's what you were brought up to do — even if they played under other name(s). But at the cost of perhaps extending what seems like a lifetime of quarterback purgatory? That's pricey.

Washington's offseason quarterback priorities should include, if not be topped by, re-signing Heinicke to be a backup, if not the quasi-incumbent starter should the Commanders take their quarterback of the (very near) future in the first few rounds of the draft — or if it is, by some miracle, rookie Sam Howell. Heinicke is adored in the locker room and by large swaths of the fan base. He is capable of winning a game or even a few in a row. Over an extended stretch, he's invariably exposed. But you want him in your building and as your backup, unquestionably.

We don't know what Howell, whom Washington selected in the fifth round this past spring, might bring because he hasn't taken a regular season snap. But consider that quarterbacks leading teams into the NFC playoffs were taken in the second (Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts), fourth (Cousins and Dallas's Dak Prescott), sixth (Tampa Bay's Tom Brady) and seventh (San Francisco's Brock Purdy) rounds. It's not impossible to find your quarterback further down in the draft. Whether that's Howell or a player the Commanders select next spring doesn't much matter. They just have to find him — somehow, some way, for once.

The danger is allowing the next two weeks — or more — to trick you into the idea that Wentz is the answer in 2023 and beyond. This team doesn't necessarily need an all-pro at the most important position in American sports to succeed. It has talented young playmakers on offense — Terry McLaurin and Jahan Dotson as wide receivers, Brian Robinson Jr. as a running back — and its defensive front has reestablished itself as a reliable and disruptive strength. Washington doesn't *need* to score 30 points a week to win. But these Commanders, whether with Wentz or Heinicke, have topped 20 points just five times in 15 games.

That doesn't cut it, and there's now enough evidence that Wentz won't magically change it. Oh, the quarterbacks above? QB A — the one with the (slightly) lower touchdown percentage, higher interception and sack rates, lower passer rating and QBR? That's Wentz. For all his appeal, Heinicke has shown he's not a franchise quarterback. Wentz has similar (or worse) stats — and he somehow is? Nope. No way.

It makes sense to turn back to Wentz against Cleveland because Heinicke has followed his magical run by going 0-2-1 and turning the ball over too frequently. But tread lightly here. Maybe there's a way for the defense to lift the team to victories over the Browns and the Cowboys and to fight for a playoff win — and for Wentz to be more passenger than pilot, which could make moving on from him in the offseason a bit easier. *Could.*

Such a tough spot. If Wentz plays well, is he back in 2023? Is that what the Commanders and their fans should want? The answers may well be "yes" to the first and "no" to the second, which would keep the Commanders right where they have been for what seems like eternity: looking for a franchise quarterback, again and again and again.

With Carlson out 'long term,' the Capitals have to fill a gaping hole on defense

BY SAMANTHA PELL

With John Carlson sidelined indefinitely, the surging Washington Capitals are tasked with trudging forward in a tight Metropolitan Division race without their top defenseman.

Carlson was logging the most ice time on the team before he suffered an injury in Friday's win over the Winnipeg Jets. He was transported to a hospital after he took a puck to the right side of his face. Carlson, who needed stitches, was released Saturday and continues to see doctors on a daily basis. There is no timetable for his return.

Coach Peter Laviolette said though Carlson is officially on injured reserve, the 32-year-old will be out "long term" and his injury is not a "day-to-day" situation. Players placed on injured reserve are ineligible to play in games for at least seven days.

"It is obviously tough to see that happen and just the guy he is, too. He is one of our best players, so we have to step up for him right now," fellow defenseman Erik Gustafsson said. "I'm just glad he is doing all right after the thing I saw. It was a pretty scary moment. We have to step up for him."

The Capitals beat the New York Rangers, 4-0, on Tuesday in their first game without Carlson. The defense was strong, unwilling to give the Rangers many chances in the offensive zone. Washington also killed off all five of New York's power-play chances.

Washington (20-13-4) held an optional practice Wednesday. The Capitals' next game is Thursday at home against Ottawa.

With Carlson out, the Capitals will need contributions from other players up and down the lineup. Against New York, Trevor van Riemsdyk moved up to fill Carlson's spot next to Gustafsson on the top pairing; Laviolette called the duo "terrific."

"He is so simple to play with. He is always talking and making the right play all the time," Gustafsson said of playing with van Riemsdyk. "If I do make any mistakes, he is backing me up all the time. He is a great guy to play with and a great guy in the locker room."

Gustafsson continued his hot stretch, scoring his fifth goal in five games while also notching his fourth assist in that span. He had a career-high 17 goals during the 2018-19 season with the Chicago Blackhawks.

"I don't know what is going on," Gustafsson said with a laugh Tuesday night, ". . . but just trying to do my job out there and just trying to follow up as much as I can and shoot a bit more, and it worked out."

Gustafsson, who joined the Capitals in the offseason as a low-risk, low-cost veteran, has seen his role continue to grow. With Carlson and Martin Fehervary out of the lineup, he is now getting ample time on the penalty kill.

Fehervary has been out since he suffered an upper-body injury in early December. He skated in a full contact jersey Wednesday for the first time since he was injured, but Laviolette said he did not expect him to suit up for Thursday's game against the Senators.

"Just got to keep it going here. . . . We've got to step up for Carlson and all the other guys that are gone," Gustafsson said.

Malenstyn sent to Hershey

The Capitals activated forward Beck Malenstyn from injured reserve Wednesday and loaned him to the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League. Malenstyn appeared in five games for Washington before he broke a finger in early November.

Laviolette said Tuesday that Malenstyn was "close" to returning, but with Washington on a tear, there is no obvious place for him in the lineup. Malenstyn did not need to clear waivers to be sent to Hershey.

Forward T.J. Oshie skated in a noncontact jersey Wednesday. It was the first time he skated with his teammates since he suffered an upper-body injury Dec. 17.

CAPITALS' NEXT THREE

vs. Ottawa Senators

Today	7	NBCSW

vs. Montreal Canadiens

Saturday	4	NBCSW

vs. Buffalo Sabres

Tuesday	7	NBCSW Plus

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WTEM (980 AM), WFED (1500 AM)

Jones has seen it all in his Terps career

MARYLAND FROM **D1**

practice. With Jones healthy again in 2020, the coronavirus pandemic shortened Maryland's season to five games. When he returned for a full slate of games in 2021, Jones tore his other ACL. Through four years, Jones never had a healthy season without controversy or cancellations.

"That's why this year meant a lot to me," he said. "Ever since I got here, it's been tough."

This season, Jones has had to fight for targets in a crowded room of talented wide receivers, and Maryland's offense spread the ball around to a variety of players. With a strong outing in the regular season finale against Rutgers, Jones became the Terps' leading receiver. He has 478 yards and four touchdowns, tops on the team heading into the Duke's Mayo Bowl against North Carolina State.

The Terps improved gradually during Jones's tenure and finished this regular season with a 7-5 record. A win in Friday's bowl game would give Maryland its most wins since 2010. Next year, the Terps will need to fill voids at several positions, including wide receiver. Rakim Jarrett, Dontay Demus Jr. and Jacob Copeland have announced their plans to head to the NFL.

That's why Coach Michael Locksley called Jones his "first recruiting job" after the regular season ended. Jones has another season of eligibility, and if he returns to Maryland, he probably will be a key receiving threat. (And by next December, he will have finished a second master's degree.)

Jones's mom said she is "pretty sure he'll play another year," but *where* is "undetermined." Jones wants to be in the right situation, where he can maximize his potential. Quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa has not yet announced whether he will return, which could be a factor for Jones.

"It'd be great to have a veteran presence like him back there," Locksley said. "He means a lot because of the leadership, the toughness, and he's a really good route runner."

Jones reflects on the five years of his college career with a sense of peace. He acknowledges the chaos and injury misfortune, but he also appreciates how he persevered through the difficult stretches. Baran said she noticed her son's "wide-eyed, childlike optimism leave, which is sad, but that's part of all of our growing up."

After Jones's standout game against Texas, it took seven games combined for him to tally as many receiving yards as he did in his debut. He felt pressure to continue producing the way he had against Texas, when it seemed so simple to translate the versatility he showed at the high school level to the college stage.

JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

Jeshaun Jones caught a touchdown pass in 2018 vs. Ohio State but couldn't haul in a late two-point try.

Late in the 2018 season, the Terps had a chance to beat Ohio State in overtime, but Tyrrell Pigrome's pass to Jones on a two-point conversion attempt was off target. The ball was not supposed to go to Jones, but defenders left the freshman wide open. Jones fell to the ground with his face in the turf, then cried in the locker room. His mom took Pigrome and her son to dinner off campus, where they revisited the play over and over while eating chicken wings.

Jones's mom said she wanted to keep them away from social media and "protect them from everyone." The loss, she said, was "devastating."

After a coaching change, Jones was eager to start the next season with a more pass-friendly offense under Locksley. Jones's role was set to expand before his knee injury. That was the lowest moment in his career, he said, because he wasn't sure whether he would return to the best version of himself.

When he suffered the same injury two years later, Jones again was poised to take on a larger role. Demus had just torn his ACL, and Jones took over the starting role against Ohio State. His season ended two plays into the game, and another grueling recovery process began.

At the start of his career, Jones wanted to score — again and again, just as he did in the opener. By the time he returned for the 2022 season, he simply wanted to play.

"I feel like if I didn't go through all that, I wouldn't be able to enjoy it as much as I did," Jones said. "Having a normal season, it was a blessing, man."

Jones showed flashes of his ability but had yet to generate a commanding performance in the first 11 games this season. The night before Maryland's regular season finale, the team watched the video that showed Jones crying as he reflected. Jones felt similar emotion as he looked around the field, knowing this could be his last time playing in College Park.

Jones grabbed a few catches early, then several more before halftime. His receiving yards steadily climbed, but he hadn't reached the end zone. And then in the fourth quarter, on his final touch of the day, he secured a touchdown pass to cap a career-best outing.

Baran followed her son into the media room to watch his interview. She said she didn't care whether she was "the weird mom in the background" because she wanted to soak it all in. She doesn't know whether that was her son's last game in College Park.

Jones admitted then that his debut against Texas felt like "ages ago." Ever since, he has been waiting. He had long hoped for another standout game. And finally, on senior day, Jones could relish a similar moment of joy.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Arkansas gets last word in wild Liberty Bowl win

ARKANSAS 55, KANSAS 53 (3OT)

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KJ Jefferson passed to Rashod Dubinion for a two-point conversion in the third overtime, and Arkansas held off a furious second-half rally by Kansas for a 55-53 win in the Liberty Bowl on Wednesday night in Memphis.

The Jayhawks rallied from 25 points down in the second half to force overtime, but a failed two-point conversion pass from Jason Bean to Lawrence Arnold ended a 4½-hour bowl marathon.

"We got lucky at the end, but we're Liberty Bowl champs, and I'm pretty excited," Arkansas Coach Sam Pittman said.

Arkansas (7-6) celebrated the win prematurely in the second overtime after stopping Kansas quarterback Jalon Daniels just shy of the goal line on a two-point conversion try. But a targeting call on the Razorbacks' Quincey McAdoo gave the Jayhawks another try — and they converted.

Jefferson passed for 287 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 130 yards and two more scores to lead the Razorbacks.

Arkansas and Kansas met for the first time in 116 years, and the Razorbacks used an old-school rushing attack to prevail. Arkansas gained 394 of its 681 total yards on the ground. Rashod Dubinion added 112 yards for the Razorbacks.

Kansas (6-7) played in its first bowl game since 2008 but was unable to stop a late-season collapse in which it lost seven of its final eight games. Kansas quarterback Daniels passed for 544 yards and five touchdowns. He set Liberty Bowl records for passing yards, touchdown passes, completions (37) and total touchdowns (six).

• **HOLIDAY BOWL:** Bo Nix threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Chase Cota on fourth down with 19 seconds left and Camden Lewis's extra point bounced off the left upright and went through to give No. 15 Oregon a 28-27 victory over North Carolina at Petco Park in San Diego.

Cota caught the ball at about the 1-yard line and got it across the goal line as he was being tackled by Don Chapman. The play was upheld on review.

North Carolina (9-5) got the ball to the Oregon 42 with one second left before Drake Maye's desperation heave into the end zone fell incomplete.

The Ducks finished 10-3 thanks to Nix, who came up big late in the fourth quarter after being held in check much of the second half. He threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Troy Franklin with 6:58 to go to pull the Ducks to 24-21.

The Tar Heels took a 27-21 lead with 2:34 to go on Noah Burnette's 44-yard field goal, his second of the quarter.

Nix then moved the Ducks 79 yards in eight plays for the win, with the drive being aided by a pass interference call.

• **MILITARY BOWL:** Duke brushed off Central Florida with relative ease, capping an impressive turnaround this season. Now quarterback Riley Leonard is talking about big hopes for the future.

"I'm kind of a guy that's never really satisfied," he said. "I look back at the season with nine wins, but I expect 12, 13, 14 going into the national championship. So my eyes will be set on next year, probably tomorrow or the next day."

Coach Mike Elko was a little more willing to reflect on Duke's remarkable rise in his first season at the helm. Leonard ran for two touchdowns and threw for 173 yards, and the Blue Devils handled UCF, 30-13, at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

Duke (9-4) went winless in conference play last year, but Elko turned the team around quickly, winning ACC coach of the year honors. The Blue Devils reached nine wins in a season for the seventh time and first since 2014.

"Couldn't be more proud of this group," Elko said. "From where this team was and this program was walking off the field at the end of the 2021 season to walking off the field today as the 2022 Military Bowl champions."

UCF (9-5) lost three of its final four games.

LSU's Boutte won't play

LSU wide receiver Kayshon Boutte is not available to play against Purdue in the Citrus Bowl on Monday, Tigers Coach Brian Kelly said Wednesday.

Boutte, who is eligible for the 2023 NFL draft, remains enrolled at LSU for the spring semester, Kelly said. A social media post by Boutte in early December indicated that he intended to remain at LSU for the 2023 season.

• **TEXAS TECH:** Red Raiders Coach Joey McGuire has a new six-year contract with a raise after leading Texas Tech to its first winning Big 12 record since 2009 in his debut.

The six-year, $26.6 million deal has annual $100,000 increases that peak at $4.6 million in the final season in 2028. That doesn't include performance bonuses.

The Red Raiders went 7-5 in the regular season and 5-4 in the Big 12, their first winning mark since they went 5-3 in 2009, their final season under the late Mike Leach.

SALLY JENKINS

The NCAA stole Bush's Heisman Trophy. Now the time has come to give it back.

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impermissible was the rule itself forbidding Bush to exercise his God-given commercial rights.

As Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh wrote in a separate opinion as part of the Supreme Court's unanimous 9-0 *Alston* ruling last year, "The NCAA's business model would be flatly illegal in almost any other industry in America." Writing for the high court, Justice Neil M. Gorsuch characterized the NCAA's enforced amateurism as a scheme of "horizontal price fixing."

NCAA bureaucrats, the Heisman Trust and bowl executives used Bush's image and his gloriously headlong highlight reels to score millions. They pocketed fortunes in TV revenue, endorsements and marketing value. None of it belonged to them.

"The NCAA is not above the law," Kavanaugh wrote.

Bush and his attorney, Alex Spiro, have repeatedly reached out to the NCAA seeking the just return of his trophy and reinstatement of his records. They were initially met with a wall of resistance. The Heisman Trust has said it can do nothing without the NCAA. And the NCAA initially refused to revisit the case, with a "those were the rules at the time" response. "The rules that govern fair play are voted on, agreed to and expected to be upheld by all NCAA member schools," a statement said.

Fair play?

This kind of sophistry is exactly what led to the inexorable collapse of the NCAA's authority. Alexander Welsh, author of the book "What is Honor?" has observed that concepts such as fair play and honor depend on respect, "which always looks two ways." The NCAA apparatchiks look only one way — to their pockets. They were not out to protect "fair play." They were out to protect an illegal financial conspiracy, what Kavanaugh termed "a massive money-raising enterprise [built] on the backs of student athletes who are not fairly compensated." They sold kids' commercial rights without consent for more than $1 billion per year. The tut-tut argument to Bush that "the rules were the rules" is like arguing a hostage shouldn't have tried to free himself from debt servitude. It's like telling a blackmail victim he was bound to obey the mafia's rules.

Spiro has continued to press the case, arguing strongly that the only honorable actor in this sad situation was Bush. Why, Spiro wondered, would the NCAA want to "double down on its decade-plus draconian penalty of a teenage kid? . . . You have to wonder if profiting from kids for this long has clouded the NCAA's judgment as to why we have student athletics in the first place."

He urged the organization to act generously for the sake of fairness and to think about its ultimate reputation: Is it a source of true fairness for competitors or a stubborn, closefisted organization that takes pleasure in punishment and can't admit it was wrong? "Nobody sits in a rocking chair thinking about all the kids they penalized," Spiro says. "They have a chance to do a great thing here — the right thing."

The arguments may have worked. Recently, the NCAA agreed to send Bush and Spiros a case "resolution" letter that, while it doesn't totally exonerate Bush, at least provides him a new opening. The letter declares a "no finding" on whether Bush was individually responsible for the infractions it found Southern Cal guilty of. This will allow Spiro and Bush to appeal to the Heisman Trust, with the NCAA's tepid backing, that nobody paid Bush a dime to play college football. He competed cleanly, ran for the love of running. Whatever he received was strictly ancillary. "It is my strong belief that I won the Heisman trophy 'solely' due to my hard work and dedication on the football field and it is also my firm belief that my records should be reinstated," Bush once wrote.

Nothing is guaranteed, but Bush and his attorney are hopeful that the NCAA has finally turned right side up. Bush will never recoup all that the NCAA purloined from him in commercial rights. But at least he can recover his proper status in the Heisman annals and the trophy that he earned. Give it back to him.

NHL ROUNDUP

Bergeron scores late as Boston wins again

BRUINS 3, DEVILS 1

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Patrice Bergeron scored the tiebreaker with 4:08 remaining in the third period, and Boston beat New Jersey, 3-1, on Wednesday night in Newark.

Trent Frederic also scored for the NHL-leading Bruins, who improved to 28-4-3. Linus Ullmark made 26 saves.

Vitek Vanecek made 24 saves for the Devils, who fell to 22-11-2. Nico Hischier scored for the Devils.

Bergeron tipped a shot by Lindholm past Vanceк for his 14th goal of the season.

With New Jersey trailing 1-0 entering the third, Hischier tied the game at the 6:11 mark with his 14th of the season. The Devils captain drove to the net and redirected Fabian Zetterlund's centering pass past Ullmark.

Despite being outplayed for most of the first two periods, the Bruins broke through first.

Frederic gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead 8:57 into the second period with his seventh goal of the season. A few moments after killing a New Jersey power play, the Bruins attacked. Lindholm intercepted a clearing attempt and skated down the middle of the ice before dropping a pass for Frederic, who snapped a quick shot past Vanecek from the high slot.

Pavel Zacha added an empty-netter for the Bruins.

• **RED WINGS 5, PENGUINS 4 (OT):** Jake Walman scored at 2:13 of overtime, and Detroit overcame an early four-goal deficit to earn a road win against Pittsburgh.

Walman, off the rush, tipped a rebound behind goaltender Casey DeSmith for his second goal of the season.

The Penguins started strong with four goals on 12 first-period shots.

Dylan Larkin, David Perron, Joe Veleno and Jonatan Berggren also scored for Detroit. Magnus Hellberg relieved Ville Husso in the second period and made 19 saves. Husso stopped eight shots in the first period.

Jason Zucker scored twice for Pittsburgh. Jeff Carter added a goal and an assist, and Drew O'Connor scored his first of the season.

• **LIGHTNING 4, CANADIENS 1:** Andrei Vasilevskiy made 25 saves to beat Montreal for the 11th consecutive time and Brayden Point had two goals as Tampa Bay won in Tampa.

Vasilevskiy is the third goaltender in NHL history to win 11 consecutive regular season games against Montreal. Ottawa's Alec Connell (Feb. 28, 1925, to Feb. 22, 1927) and Toronto's Turk Broda (Dec. 9, 1939, to Jan. 23, 1941) each had 12-game streaks. Vasilevskiy is 14-1-2 overall against the Canadiens.

Alex Killorn and Brandon Hagel also scored for the Lightning.

Jake Allen stopped 33 shots and Kaiden Guhle scored for Montreal. The Canadiens have lost six of seven.

Maple Leafs fined

The NHL fined the Toronto Maple Leafs $100,000 for violating the collective bargaining agreement by traveling during the league's mandated Christmas break.

The NHL said the Maple Leafs traveled to St. Louis on Dec. 26 for their game the following day against the Blues. The CBA stipulates no team activities are allowed from Dec. 23 to 26.

The Philadelphia Flyers were fined an undisclosed amount for a similar violation in 2014.

According to flight tracking information, the Maple Leafs left Toronto Pearson International Airport at 10:18 p.m. Eastern time Monday and landed in St. Louis at 10:45 p.m. Central time.

Teams are usually required to travel the day before a game, but they are allowed to go the day of under special circumstances, including after the Christmas break.

Toronto Coach Sheldon Keefe was fined $25,000 for what the NHL called "demeaning conduct directed at officials" during the game, which his team won, 5-4, in overtime. Keefe could be seen yelling at officials about what he believed to be interference during the third period on the Blues' fourth goal of the game.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	13	2	0	.867	445	308
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	434	303
N.Y. Giants	8	6	1	.567	311	339
Washington	7	7	1	.500	285	313

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467	266	304
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	313	337
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	303	325
Atlanta	5	10	0	.333	315	350

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
z-Minnesota	12	3	0	.800	378	373
Detroit	7	8	0	.467	392	401
Green Bay	7	8	0	.467	313	334
Chicago	3	12	0	.200	303	393

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
z-San Francisco	11	4	0	.733	375	230
Seattle	7	8	0	.467	365	379
L.A. Rams	5	10	0	.333	281	334
Arizona	4	11	0	.267	308	391

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
z-Buffalo	12	3	0	.800	420	263
Miami	8	7	0	.533	365	370
N.Y. Jets	7	8	0	.467	284	282
New England	7	8	0	.467	318	291

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	353	331
Tennessee	7	8	0	.467	269	312
Indianapolis	4	10	1	.300	248	357
Houston	2	12	1	.167	254	358

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
y-Cincinnati	11	4	0	.733	391	306
y-Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	321	272
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	264	319
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400	323	343

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
z-Kansas City	12	3	0	.800	438	332
y-L.A. Chargers	9	6	0	.600	332	343
Las Vegas	6	9	0	.400	348	350
Denver	4	11	0	.267	232	304

y-Clinched playoff spot; z-Clinched division

WEEK 17
THURSDAY'S GAME
Dallas (-12½) at Tennessee, 8:15

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Washington (-1½), 1
Pittsburgh at Baltimore (-2½), 8:20
Arizona at Atlanta (-3), 1
Carolina at Tampa Bay (-3), 1
Chicago at Detroit (-5½), 1
Denver at Kansas City (-12½), 1
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants (-5½), 1
Jacksonville (-4½) at Houston, 1
Miami at New England (-3), 1
New Orleans at Philadelphia (-6), 1
N.Y. Jets (-1½) at Seattle, 4:05
San Francisco (-10) at Las Vegas, 4:05
Minnesota at Green Bay (-3), 4:25
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers (-6½), 4:25

MONDAY'S GAME
Buffalo (-1½) at Cincinnati, 8:30

WEEK 8
SUNDAY, JAN. 8
Dallas at Washington, TBD
Baltimore at Cincinnati, TBD
Arizona at San Francisco, TBD
Carolina at New Orleans, TBD
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, TBD
Detroit at Green Bay, TBD
Houston at Indianapolis, TBD
Kansas City at Las Vegas, TBD
L.A. Chargers at Denver, TBD
L.A. Rams at Seattle, TBD
Minnesota at Chicago, TBD
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, TBD
N.Y. Jets at Miami, TBD
New England at Buffalo, TBD
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, TBD
Tennessee at Jacksonville, TBD

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS' BASKETBALL
D.C.
Butler (N.C.) 57, Ballou 39
Eastern 47, Friendly 44
Jackson-Reed 64, Benjamin (Fla.) 51

MARYLAND
Broadneck 72, Atholton 64
C. Milton Wright 54, Crofton 37
C.H. Flowers 55, Murry Bergtraum (N.Y.) 41
Carver Vo-Tech 37, Severna Park 36
Chopticon 61, Leonardtown 42
Churchill 41, Gwynn Park 34
Clarksburg 63, Indian Creek 62
Damascus 42, Quince Orchard 38
Dulaney 55, Glen Burnie 40
La Plata 77, Pikesville 57
Lake Clifton 62, Seneca Valley 48
Long Reach 75, Northeast 59
Gaithersburg 52, Wagner (N.Y.)
Great Crossing (Ky.) 66, South River 40
Manchester Valley 47, Howard 32
Oakland Mills 65, Westminster 47
Parkville 60, Largo 51
River Hill 61, Thomas Jefferson (Ky.) 48
Sherwood 78, Woodlawn 59
St. Charles 71, Linganore 44
Suitland 58, Northwood 51
Urbana 77, Arundel 68
Whitman 67, Western Branch 57
Wootton 73, Patapsco 40

VIRGINIA
Albemarle 69, Riverside 45
Battlefield 63, Stone Bridge 54
Christ Chapel 58, Oakton 56
Colonial Forge 59, Robinson 43
Hayfield 85, Elizabeth (N.J.) 73
Herndon 53, Middletown 49
Langley 70, Avalon School 41
Marshall 54, Eugene Ashley (N.C.) 39
Matoaca 59, Fairfax 56
Middletown (Del.) 68, Patriot 66
Osbourn 79, Woodgrove 71
Riverside 73, Charlottesville 68 (OT)
South County 52, St. Francis (Ga.) 43
Unity Reed 84, McLean School 25
Wakefield 80, Forest Park 78 (OT)
Washington-Liberty 58, Annandale 48
Western Albemarle 63, West Potomac 34
West Springfield 54, Green Run 53
William Allen (Pa.) 58, W.T. Woodson 47
Woodbridge 56, Thomas Jefferson 49
Yorktown 63, Loudoun County 55

PRIVATE
Bishop McNamara 80, Tri-Cities (Ga.) 53
Bullis 67, Potomac School 28
La Salle College (Pa.) 49, Archbishop Spalding 48
Gonzaga 76, Roselle Catholic (N.J.) 66
Good Counsel 79, Jordan (N.C.) 70
Mount Carmel 64, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 51
Newton 63, Bishop O'Connell 55
Paul VI 84, Archbishop Stepinac (N.Y.) 53
Seton 66, Lewis 38
Saint John Paul the Great 74, Tuscarora 69
Shabach Christian 65, Glenelg Country 59
St. Andrew's 67, St. Peter's Prep (N.J.)
St. John's 77, St. John Bosco (Calif.) 67
Strake Jesuit (Tex.) 62, Georgetown Prep 61

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
MARYLAND
Beech (Tenn.) 54, South River 44
Calvert 35, Leonardtown 26
Hammond 40, Governor Thomas Johnson 18
Linganore 56, Whitman 29
Quince Orchard 32, Walter Johnson 24
Tuscarora (Md.) 72, Blake 28

VIRGINIA
Briar Woods 55, Spotswood 44
Champe 54, Rock Ridge 27
Chantilly 53, Justice 43
Colgan 70, Brentsville District 60
Falls Church 57, Gar-Field 24
Freedom (South Riding) 44, Loudoun County 23
Gainesville 56, W.T. Woodson 36
Langley 51, Freedom (Woodbridge) 31
Lightridge 44, Manassas Park 15
Madison 57, DuVal 13
Marshall 51, Hayfield 40
Morgantown (W.Va.) 41, Riverside 33
Potomac 50, Battlefield 21
Robinson 51, Yorktown 21
Stone Bridge 57, Westfield 53
Tuscarora 48, Turner Ashby 32
Washington-Liberty 70, Osbourn 45
West Springfield 65, Sandy Spring Friends 5
Woodgrove 68, Mount Vernon 32

PRIVATE
Bishop Ireton 57, Norview 41
Bishop O'Connell 82, John Paul the Great 21
Flint Hill 29, Fairfax 21
Friends' Central (Pa.) 56, Mount Zion Prep 52
Georgetown Visitation 52, Archbishop Wood (Pa.) 44
Holy Child 56, Patriot 49
Manchester 54, Pallotti 46
Middle Tennessee Christian 77, St. Mary's Ryken 65
National Christian Academy 66, McKinley Tech 32
Paul VI 66, Edgewood 23
Seton 59, South County 32
St. John's 55, Bullis 42

ICE HOCKEY
PRIVATE
Archbishop Spalding 4, Bishop O'Connell 3
Gonzaga 7, Archbishop Spalding 2
Gonzaga 4, Loyola Maroon 1
Gonzaga 4, St. Joe's Prep 4
Loyola Gold 2, Bishop O'Connell 1

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	10	.714	—
Brooklyn	23	12	.657	2
Philadelphia	20	13	.606	4
New York	18	17	.514	7
Toronto	15	19	.441	9½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	17	.514	—
Atlanta	17	18	.486	1
Washington	15	21	.417	3½
Orlando	13	23	.361	5½
Charlotte	9	26	.257	9

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	22	12	.647	—
Cleveland	22	13	.629	½
Indiana	18	17	.514	4½
Chicago	15	19	.441	7
Detroit	9	28	.243	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	22	12	.647	—
Memphis	20	13	.606	1½
Dallas	19	16	.543	3½
San Antonio	11	23	.324	11
Houston	10	24	.294	12

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Denver	22	11	.667	—
Portland	18	16	.529	4½
x-Utah	19	17	.528	4½
Minnesota	16	19	.457	7
Oklahoma City	15	19	.441	7½

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	21	15	.583	—
Phoenix	20	16	.556	1
x-Sacramento	17	15	.531	2
x-Golden State	17	18	.486	3½
L.A. Lakers	14	21	.400	6½

x-Late game

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 116, Philadelphia 111
L.A. Lakers 129, at Orlando 110
at Boston 126, Houston 102
at Indiana 129, Atlanta 114
L.A. Clippers 124, at Toronto 113
at Oklahoma City 130, San Antonio 114
Phoenix 125, at Memphis 108
at Dallas 126, New York 121 (OT)
Denver 113, at Sacramento 106
at Golden State 110, Charlotte 105

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 127, Phoenix 102
Brooklyn 108, at Atlanta 107
at Detroit 121, Orlando 101
at Miami 112, L.A. Lakers 98
at New Orleans 119, Minnesota 118
at Chicago 119, Milwaukee 113 (OT)
Denver at Sacramento, late
Utah at Golden State, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Indiana, 7
Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30
Memphis at Toronto, 7:30
New York at San Antonio, 8
Houston at Dallas, 8:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Orlando, 7
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30
Phoenix at Toronto, 7:30
Detroit at Chicago, 8
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8:30
Miami at Denver, 9
Portland at Golden State, 10
Utah at Sacramento, 10

Nets 108, Hawks 107

BROOKLYN	31	25	27	25	— 108
ATLANTA	30	33	17	27	— 107

BROOKLYN: Durant 8-17 9-9 26, O'Neale 3-6 0-0 7, Claxton 8-9 1-2 17, Irving 11-22 1-1 28, Simmons 5-10 0-2 10, Warren 1-5 0-0 2, Watanabe 2-6 0-0 4, Curry 1-4 0-0 2, Mills 3-3 3-3 12, Sumner 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 42-83 14-17 108.

ATLANTA: Collins 8-16 4-6 21, Griffin 2-10 0-0 4, Okongwu 6-12 6-9 18, A.Holiday 4-7 0-0 10, Murray 10-26 3-4 24, Johnson 6-12 1-1 14, J.Holiday 0-1 0-0 0, Bogdanovic 5-11 1-2 14, Forrest 1-2 0-0 2. **Totals** 42-97 15-22 107.

Three-point Goals: Brooklyn 10-26 (Irving 5-11, Mills 3-3, Durant 1-4, O'Neale 1-4, Curry 0-1, Warren 0-1, Watanabe 0-2), Atlanta 8-22 (Bogdanovic 3-4, A.Holiday 2-4, Collins 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Murray 1-4, J.Holiday 0-1, Griffin 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Brooklyn 47 (Durant 16), Atlanta 47 (Okongwu 13). **Assists:** Brooklyn 22 (Durant, Irving 8), Atlanta 22 (Murray 8). **Total Fouls:** Brooklyn 18, Atlanta 14.

Pistons 121, Magic 101

ORLANDO	23	24	30	24	— 101
DETROIT	27	39	26	29	— 121

ORLANDO: Banchero 4-12 7-8 15, M.Wagner 2-5 1-2 7, Bol 5-9 1-1 11, F.Wagner 7-15 4-5 19, Fultz 2-12 2-2 6, Schofield 1-2 1-2 3, Carter Jr. 5-10 5-9 16, Bamba 3-5 1-1 7, Anthony 2-7 4-4 8, G.Harris 3-6 0-0 7, Hampton 0-0 0-0 0, Houstan 1-3 0-0 2. **Totals** 35-86 26-34 101.

DETROIT: Bogdanovic 4-14 5-6 14, Stewart 4-12 1-2 11, Duren 3-5 1-2 7, Hayes 1-4 2-2 5, Ivey 1-7 6-7 8, Bey 8-16 6-8 28, Knox II 1-3 0-0 3, Noel 0-0 1-2 1, Burks 10-11 6-6 32, Diallo 4-6 2-3 11, Joseph 0-2 1-2 1. **Totals** 36-80 31-40 121.

Three-point Goals: Orlando 5-22 (M.Wagner 2-3, Carter Jr. 1-3, G.Harris 1-3, F.Wagner 1-4, Bamba 0-1, Banchero 0-1, Schofield 0-1, Anthony 0-2, Bol 0-2, Houstan 0-2), Detroit 18-42 (Burks 6-7, Bey 6-11, Stewart 2-8, Diallo 1-2, Knox II 1-3, Hayes 1-4, Bogdanovic 1-5, Ivey 0-1, Joseph 0-1). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Orlando 47 (Carter Jr. 8), Detroit 50 (Duren 18). **Assists:** Orlando 24 (Fultz 9), Detroit 25 (Bogdanovic 5). **Total Fouls:** Orlando 26, Detroit 25. **A:** 20,190 (20,491)

Heat 112, Lakers 98

L.A. LAKERS	25	27	26	20	— 98
MIAMI	33	28	34	17	— 112

L.A. LAKERS: James 10-18 5-5 27, Walker IV 0-4 0-0 0, Bryant 5-6 1-2 11, Beverley 2-7 0-0 6, Schroder 5-10 3-4 15, Gabriel 4-4 1-1 10, Toscano-Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, Brown Jr. 5-6 0-0 14, Christie 0-0 0-0 0, Reaves 0-5 0-0 0, Westbrook 6-16 1-3 15. **Totals** 37-77 11-15 98.

MIAMI: Butler 11-18 5-5 27, Martin 5-6 0-0 13, Adebayo 10-16 3-6 23, Herro 6-17 3-3 18, Vincent 5-9 0-0 12, D.Robinson 3-5 0-0 8, Highsmith 0-0 0-0 0, Jovic 0-0 0-0 0, Strus 3-12 0-0 7, O.Robinson 0-2 0-0 0, Oladipo 1-7 2-2 4. **Totals** 44-92 13-16 112.

Three-point Goals: L.A. Lakers 13-36 (Brown Jr. 4-5, Beverley 2-5, James 2-5, Schroder 2-5, Westbrook 2-7, Gabriel 1-1, Reaves 0-4, Walker IV 0-4), Miami 11-35 (Martin 3-4, Herro 3-7, D.Robinson 2-4, Vincent 2-5, Strus 1-7, Butler 0-4, Oladipo 0-4). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** L.A. Lakers 44 (James 9), Miami 37 (Adebayo 14). **Assists:** L.A. Lakers 25 (Westbrook 8), Miami 20 (Herro 9). **Total Fouls:** L.A. Lakers 16, Miami 15. **A:** 20,221 (19,600)

Pelicans 119, Timberwolves 118

MINNESOTA	28	27	33	30	— 118
NEW ORLEANS	24	25	37	33	— 119

MINNESOTA: Edwards 10-23 5-9 27, McDaniels 8-12 2-3 19, Gobert 4-5 2-2 10, Rivers 2-6 0-1 5, Russell 8-17 9-9 27, Reid 5-8 1-2 13, Knight 0-0 1-2 1, Forbes 0-1 2-2 2, Nowell 5-11 2-2 14. **Totals** 42-83 24-32 118.

NEW ORLEANS: Murphy III 6-8 4-5 21, Williamson 14-21 14-19 43, Valanciunas 4-12 4-4 12, Marshall 4-9 4-5 12, McCollum 7-16 3-5 20, Hayes 1-2 0-0 3, Nance Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Alvarado 2-6 1-3 5, Daniels 1-3 0-2 3, Graham 0-3 0-0 0. **Totals** 39-81 30-43 119.

Three-point Goals: Minnesota 10-29 (Nowell 2-4, Reid 2-5, Edwards 2-6, Russell 2-7, McDaniels 1-2, Rivers 1-4, Forbes 0-1), New Orleans 11-24 (Murphy III 5-6, McCollum 3-7, Daniels 1-1, Hayes 1-1, Williamson 1-1, Alvarado 0-1, Graham 0-2, Marshall 0-2, Valanciunas 0-3). **Fouled Out:** Minnesota 2 (Gobert, Rivers), New Orleans None. **Rebounds:** Minnesota 35 (Gobert 8), New Orleans 43 (Valanciunas 11). **Assists:** Minnesota 18 (Russell 4), New Orleans 22 (McCollum 6). **Total Fouls:** Minnesota 28, New Orleans 24. **A:** 18,669 (16,867)

Bulls 119, Bucks 113 (OT)

MILWAUKEE	32	23	27	24	7	—113
CHICAGO	28	29	22	27	13	—119

MILWAUKEE: Connaughton 0-3 0-2 0, G.Antetokounmpo 17-39 11-17 45, Lopez 5-12 4-5 14, Allen 4-16 2-2 13, Carter 2-3 0-0 5, Beauchamp 0-1 0-0 0, Portis 7-18 3-4 20, Ingles 2-6 0-0 5, G.Hill 3-7 2-2 8, Matthews 1-5 0-0 3. **Totals** 41-110 22-32 113.

CHICAGO: DeRozan 15-25 12-14 42, Williams 4-12 0-0 8, Vucevic 5-12 2-2 15, Dosunmu 2-7 2-2 6, LaVine 8-18 4-5 24, Terry 0-1 0-0 0, J.Green 1-3 3-3 5, Drummond 2-3 3-4 7, Dragic 5-11 0-0 12, White 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 42-92 26-30 119.

Three-point Goals: Milwaukee 9-44 (Portis 3-7, Allen 3-14, Carter 1-1, Ingles 1-4, Matthews 1-4, Connaughton 0-3, G.Antetokounmpo 0-3, G.Hill 0-4, Lopez 0-4), Chicago 9-22 (LaVine 4-7, Vucevic 3-5, Dragic 2-4, J.Green 0-1, Dosunmu 0-2, Williams 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Milwaukee 61 (G.Antetokounmpo 22), Chicago 53 (Vucevic 14). **Assists:** Milwaukee 18 (G.Antetokounmpo 7), Chicago 21 (DeRozan, Vucevic 5). **Total Fouls:** Milwaukee 21, Chicago 23. **A:** 21,537 (20,917)

HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	28	4	3	59	135	78
Toronto	35	22	7	6	50	116	86
Tampa Bay	33	21	11	1	43	119	98
Detroit	34	16	11	7	39	108	113
Buffalo	32	16	14	2	34	127	109
Florida	35	15	16	4	34	114	120
Ottawa	34	15	16	3	33	103	108
Montreal	35	15	17	3	33	96	122

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	35	23	6	6	52	109	90
New Jersey	35	22	11	2	46	116	90
Pittsburgh	36	19	10	7	45	123	110
Washington	37	20	13	4	44	115	102
N.Y. Rangers	36	19	12	5	43	116	100
N.Y. Islanders	36	20	14	2	42	117	99
Philadelphia	35	11	17	7	29	90	119
Columbus	33	10	21	2	22	89	135

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	36	21	9	6	48	128	101
Winnipeg	35	21	13	1	43	112	92
Minnesota	34	20	12	2	42	110	96
Colorado	33	19	12	2	40	99	90
St. Louis	35	16	16	3	35	109	129
Nashville	33	14	14	5	33	84	101
Arizona	33	12	16	5	29	93	120
Chicago	33	8	21	4	20	75	125

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Vegas	37	24	12	1	49	124	104
Los Angeles	38	20	12	6	46	125	130
x-Seattle	32	18	10	4	40	113	104
Edmonton	36	19	15	2	40	128	123
x-Calgary	36	16	13	7	39	111	111
Vancouver	34	16	15	3	35	120	131
San Jose	36	11	19	6	28	110	135
x-Anaheim	35	9	22	4	22	83	146

x-Late game

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 4, at N.Y. Rangers 0
at Carolina 3, Chicago 0
at Ottawa 3, Boston 2 (SO)
at N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 1
Dallas 3, at Nashville 2
Minnesota 4, at Winnipeg 1
Toronto 5, at St. Louis 4 (OT)
at Arizona 6, Colorado 3
Edmonton 2, at Calgary 1
at Vancouver 6, San Jose 2
at Los Angeles 4, Vegas 2
Buffalo at Columbus, ppd.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 1
Boston 3, at New Jersey 1
Detroit 5, at Pittsburgh 4 (OT)
Calgary at Seattle, late
Vegas at Anaheim, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Ottawa at Washington, 7
Detroit at Buffalo, 7
Montreal at Florida, 7
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7
Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30
Chicago at St. Louis, 8
Dallas at Minnesota, 8
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9
Toronto at Arizona, 9
Philadelphia at San Jose, 10:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Nashville at Anaheim, 5
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7
Florida at Carolina, 7:30
Edmonton at Seattle, 10

Lightning 4, Canadiens 1

MONTREAL	0	0	1	— 1
TAMPA BAY	2	1	1	— 4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Tampa Bay, Killorn 10 (Hedman), 1:55. 2, Tampa Bay, Point 18 (Sergachev, Kucherov), 14:09 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 3, Tampa Bay, Point 19, 16:00.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 4, Tampa Bay, Hagel 13 (Hedman, Bogosian), 8:31. 5, Montreal, Guhle 2 (Edmundson, Dvorak), 17:21.

SHOTS ON GOAL

MONTREAL	10	9	7	— 26
TAMPA BAY	13	13	11	— 37

Power-play opportunities: Montreal 0 of 5; Tampa Bay 1 of 1. **Goalies:** Montreal, Allen 9-13-1 (37 shots-33 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 13-9-1 (26-25). **A:** 0 (19,092). **T:** 2:31.

Bruins 3, Devils 1

BOSTON	0	1	2	— 3
NEW JERSEY	0	0	1	— 1

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Boston, Frederic 7 (Lindholm), 8:57.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 2, New Jersey, Hischier 14 (Tatar, Zetterlund), 6:11. 3, Boston, Bergeron 14 (Lindholm, Marchand), 15:51. 4, Boston, Zacha 5 (Pastrnak, Coyle), 18:11 (en).

SHOTS ON GOAL

BOSTON	8	13	6	— 27
NEW JERSEY	16	6	8	— 30

Power-play opportunities: Boston 0 of 3; New Jersey 0 of 2. **Goalies:** Boston, Ullmark 20-1-1 (30 shots-29 saves). New Jersey, Vanecek 12-5-2 (26-24). **A:** 16,514 (16,514). **T:** 2:26.

Red Wings 5, Penguins 4 (OT)

DETROIT	0	2	2	1	— 5
PITTSBURGH	4	0	0	0	— 4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Pittsburgh, O'Connor 1 (Blueger, Kapanen), 2:36. 2, Pittsburgh, Carter 5 (Kapanen, Rust), 10:15 (pp). 3, Pittsburgh, Zucker 7, 14:15. 4, Pittsburgh, Zucker 8 (Carter, Rust), 19:27 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 5, Detroit, Larkin 13 (Raymond, Hronek), 7:17 (pp). 6, Detroit, Veleno 5 (Soderblom, Chiarot), 14:32.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 7, Detroit, Berggren 5, 15:00. 8, Detroit, Perron 12 (Rasmussen, Raymond), 16:52 (pp).

OVERTIME
Scoring: 9, Detroit, Walman 2 (Copp, Rasmussen), 2:13.

SHOTS ON GOAL

DETROIT	14	16	14	2	— 46
PITTSBURGH	12	9	8	2	— 31

Power-play opportunities: Detroit 2 of 4; Pittsburgh 2 of 2. **Goalies:** Detroit, Hellberg 2-1-0 (19 shots-19 saves), Detroit, Husso 12-6-5 (12-8). Pittsburgh, DeSmith 4-6-2 (47-42). **A:** 18,387 (18,387). **T:** 2:28.

Kings 4, Golden Knights 2

Late Tuesday

VEGAS	1	1	0	— 2
LOS ANGELES	1	1	2	— 4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Los Angeles, Vilardi 15 (Lizotte), 11:57. 2, Vegas, Amadio 4 (Stone, Pietrangelo), 13:08 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 3, Vegas, McNabb 1 (Smith, Pachal), 10:07. 4, Los Angeles, Danault 10 (Iafallo, Arvidsson), 13:22.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 5, Los Angeles, Iafallo 5 (Arvidsson, Danault), 8:36. 6, Los Angeles, Arvidsson 10 (Danault), 19:33.

SHOTS ON GOAL

VEGAS	7	8	8	— 23
LOS ANGELES	7	7	12	— 26

Power-play opportunities: Vegas 1 of 3; Los Angeles 0 of 2. **Goalies:** Vegas, Thompson 16-9-0 (24 shots-21 saves). Los Angeles, Copley 7-1-0 (23-21). **A:** 18,230 (18,230). **T:** 2:20.

Canucks 6, Sharks 2

Late Tuesday

SAN JOSE	1	0	1	— 2
VANCOUVER	2	2	2	— 6

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Vancouver, Horvat 25 (Boeser, Mikheyev), 4:26. 2, Vancouver, Pettersson 16 (Schenn, Pederson), 16:03. 3, San Jose, Meier 19 (Couture, Karlsson), 19:09 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 4, Vancouver, Mikheyev 12 (Myers, Kuzmenko), 4:36. 5, Vancouver, Hughes 1 (Horvat, Mikheyev), 6:16.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 6, Vancouver, Horvat 26 (Boeser), 12:11. 7, San Jose, Meier 20 (Karlsson), 14:33. 8, Vancouver, Boeser 6 (Horvat, Mikheyev), 17:32.

SHOTS ON GOAL

SAN JOSE	9	6	11	— 26
VANCOUVER	10	7	8	— 25

Power-play opportunities: San Jose 1 of 2; Vancouver 0 of 1. **Goalies:** San Jose, Reimer 7-10-3 (25 shots-19 saves). Vancouver, Martin 11-5-1 (26-24). **A:** 18,875 (18,910). **T:** 2:19.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA bowl schedule

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
CAMELLIA BOWL — IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.
Buffalo 23, Georgia Southern 21
FIRST RESPONDER BOWL — IN DALLAS
Memphis 38, Utah State 10
BIRMINGHAM BOWL — IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
East Carolina 53, Coastal Carolina 29
GUARANTEED RATE BOWL — IN PHOENIX
Wisconsin 24, Oklahoma State 17

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
MILITARY BOWL — IN ANNAPOLIS
Duke 30, UCF 13
LIBERTY BOWL — IN MEMPHIS
Arkansas 55, Kansas 53 (3OT)
HOLIDAY BOWL — IN SAN DIEGO
No. 15 Oregon 28, North Carolina 27
TEXAS BOWL — IN HOUSTON
Texas Tech vs. Mississippi, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
PINSTRIPE BOWL — IN NEW YORK
Syracuse vs. Minnesota, 2
CHEEZ-IT BOWL — IN ORLANDO
No. 13 Florida State vs. Oklahoma, 5:30
ALAMO BOWL — IN SAN ANTONIO
No. 12 Washington vs. No. 20 Texas, 9

FRIDAY'S GAMES
ORANGE BOWL — IN MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
No. 6 Tennessee vs. No. 7 Clemson, 8
DUKE'S MAYO BOWL — IN CHARLOTTE
No. 23 North Carolina State vs. Maryland, noon
SUN BOWL — IN EL PASO
No. 18 UCLA vs. Pittsburgh, 2
GATOR BOWL — IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
No. 21 Notre Dame vs. No. 19 South Carolina, 3:30
ARIZONA BOWL — IN TUCSON
Wyoming vs. Ohio, 4:30

Duke 30, UCF 13

UCF	7	0	0	6	— 13
DUKE	7	13	3	7	— 30

FIRST QUARTER
DUKE: Ja.Moore 14 run (Pelino kick), 7:47.
UCF: Bowser 1 run (Boomer kick), 2:10.

SECOND QUARTER
DUKE: FG Pelino 22, 6:28.
DUKE: Leonard 1 run (Pelino kick), 1:54.
DUKE: FG Pelino 48, 15:00.

THIRD QUARTER
DUKE: FG Pelino 38, 8:02.

FOURTH QUARTER
UCF: Bowser 2 run (pass failed), 9:03.
DUKE: Leonard 3 run (Pelino kick), 2:29.
Attendance: 17,974.

	UCF	Duke
First Downs	21	22
Total Net Yards	326	350
Rushes-Yards	36-128	40-177
Passing	198	173
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-41	1-22
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-35-1	19-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-45	0-0
Punts	4-47.25	4-42.75
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-27	1-5
Time Of Possession	25:32	34:28

PASSING
UCF: Plumlee 21-34-1-182, Harvey 1-1-0-16. **Duke:** Leonard 19-28-0-173, (Team) 0-1-0-0.

RUSHING
UCF: Bowser 11-39, Richardson 3-30, Harvey 6-29, Plumlee 14-21, Townsend 2-9. **Duke:** Leonard 10-63, Coleman 7-53, Ja.Moore 12-43, T.Moore 6-16, Waters 3-5, (Team) 2-(minus 3).

RECEIVING
UCF: Townsend 7-25, Ko.Hudson 5-63, Harvey 3-25, Jav.Baker 2-49, A.Holler 2-18, Richardson 2-2, Plumlee 1-16. **Duke:** Calhoun 6-62, Hagans 4-32, Jo.Moore 3-13, Pancol 2-12, Ja.Moore 1-32, Finney 1-12, T.Moore 1-8, Coleman 1-2.

Arkansas 55, Kansas 53 (3OT)

KANSAS	7	6	7	18	7	8	0	— 53
ARKANSAS	24	7	7	0	7	8	2	— 55

FIRST QUARTER
ARK: FG Little 37, 11:12.
KU: K.Thomas 29 pass from J.Daniels (Piepergerdes kick), 8:40.
ARK: Landers 59 pass from Jefferson (Little kick), 6:05.
ARK: Washington 17 pass from Jefferson (Little kick), 5:57.
ARK: Jefferson 3 run (Little kick), :23.

SECOND QUARTER
ARK: Green 20 run (Little kick), 5:02.
KU: Fairchild 24 pass from J.Daniels (pass failed), 1:18.

THIRD QUARTER
ARK: Dubinion 2 run (Little kick), 8:43.
KU: K.Thomas 2 run (Piepergerdes kick), 3:15.

FOURTH QUARTER
KU: FG Piepergerdes 36, 14:07.
KU: Emilien 10 pass from J.Daniels (Piepergerdes kick), 1:05.
KU: Grimm 21 pass from J.Daniels (L.Arnold pass from J.Daniels), :40.

FIRST OVERTIME
KU: Casey 2 pass from J.Daniels (Piepergerdes kick), :00.
ARK: Dubinion 6 run (Little kick), :00.

SECOND OVERTIME
ARK: Jefferson 20 run (J.Wilson pass from Jefferson), :00.
KU: J.Daniels 2 run (run failed), :00.

	Kansas	Arkansas
First Downs	29	28
Total Net Yards	603	681
Rushes-Yards	34-59	52-394
Passing	544	287
Punt Returns	0-0	1-3
Kickoff Returns	1-7	2-38
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-17
Comp-Att-Int	37-56-2	19-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	0-0
Punts	5-41.2	6-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	6-59
Time Of Possession	30:51	29:09

PASSING
Kansas: Daniels 37-55-2-544, Bean 0-1-0-0. **Arkansas:** Jefferson 19-29-1-287.

RUSHING
Kansas: Neal 9-29, Daniels 14-21, K.Thomas 10-11, (Team) 1-(minus 2). **Arkansas:** Jefferson 14-130, Dubinion 20-112, Green 13-99, Stephens 1-21, R.Sanders 3-17, Landers 1-15.

RECEIVING
Kansas: Grimm 10-167, L.Arnold 8-119, Fairchild 6-80, Locklin 3-50, K.Thomas 2-35, Neal 2-23, Casey 2-6, Terry 1-30, Scott 1-20, Emilien 1-10, Skinner 1-4. **Arkansas:** Green 4-30, Landers 3-121, Dubinion 3-19, Wilson 2-47, Henry 2-13, Stephens 1-17, Washington 1-17, Bax 1-11, Cole 1-10, Sategna 1-2.

No. 15 Oregon 28, North Carolina 27

OREGON	7	7	0	14	— 28
NORTH CAROLINA	7	14	0	6	— 27

FIRST QUARTER
ORE: Irving 2 run (Lewis kick), 11:05.
UNC: Greene 6 pass from Maye (Burnette kick), 4:37.

SECOND QUARTER
ORE: Irving 66 run (Lewis kick), 9:13.
UNC: Nesbit 14 pass from Maye (Burnette kick), 4:34.
UNC: Paysour 49 pass from Maye (Burnette kick), :26.

FOURTH QUARTER
UNC: FG Burnette 19, 9:13.
ORE: Franklin 6 pass from Nix (Lewis kick), 6:58.
UNC: FG Burnette 44, 2:29.
ORE: Cota 6 pass from Nix (Lewis kick), :19.

	Oregon	North Carolina
First Downs	20	20
Total Net Yards	414	322
Rushes-Yards	32-209	34-116
Passing	205	206
Punt Returns	1--4	1-16
Kickoff Returns	4-107	3-106
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-35
Comp-Att-Int	23-30-1	18-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	3-23
Punts	2-43.5	3-44.667
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-39	5-55
Time Of Possession	27:11	32:49

PASSING
Oregon: Nix 23-30-1-205. **North Carolina:** Maye 18-35-0-206, (Team) 0-1-0-0.

RUSHING
Oregon: Irving 13-149, J.James 3-27, Whittington 11-27, Nix 5-6. **North Carolina:** E.Green 17-50, Maye 12-49, D.Jones 2-9, Pettaway 1-4, Hampton 2-4.

RECEIVING
Oregon: Ferguson 5-84, Whittington 5-37, Franklin 5-24, Cota 3-42, Hutson 2-10, Herbert 1-7, McCormick 1-2, Irving 1-(minus 1). **North Carolina:** Paysour 7-98, Nesbit 3-37, Greene 3-26, Copenhaver 3-24, J.Jones 1-11, D.Jones 1-10.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA men

EAST
Connecticut 74, Villanova 66
Davidson 57, Fordham 43
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No. 13 Virginia 66, Albany 46

Albany (NY)	24	22	— 46
Virginia	33	33	— 66

ALBANY (NY)	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Beagle	34	4-6	1-3	1-5	4	3	9
Jackson	14	0-3	0-0	1-1	1	4	0
Patel	25	1-3	1-2	0-2	0	0	3
Drumgoole	31	2-12	2-2	0-4	0	2	7
Hutcheson	28	3-7	0-0	1-5	0	2	7
Davis	29	4-11	0-0	0-6	1	1	11
Edmead	23	2-7	4-4	0-1	3	3	9
Reddish	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ketner	6	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Kellogg	1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	16-52	8-11	4-26	9	16	46

Percentages: FG .308, FT .727. **3-Point Goals:** 6-27, .222 (Davis 3-9, Edmead 1-1, Hutcheson 1-5, Drumgoole 1-7, Reddish 0-1, Beagle 0-2, Patel 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Hutcheson 2, Patel). **Turnovers:** 8 (Beagle 3, Edmead 2, Ketner 2, Drumgoole). **Steals:** 3 (Davis, Edmead, Hutcheson). **Technical Fouls:** None.

VIRGINIA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Gardner	27	7-11	2-3	3-7	0	0	16
Vander Plas	15	1-4	0-2	1-2	1	3	3
Clark	27	3-4	1-2	0-4	10	1	8
Franklin	31	7-13	3-3	1-2	0	0	20
McKneely	28	2-7	1-1	0-3	2	2	5
Shedrick	22	3-6	2-2	1-6	1	1	8
Dunn	18	1-2	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Caffaro	14	1-1	0-5	0-2	0	1	2
Murray	13	0-2	2-2	0-3	0	0	2
Coleman	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	200	25-52	11-20	6-32	15	9	66

Percentages: FG .481, FT .550. **3-Point Goals:** 5-18, .278 (Franklin 3-6, Clark 1-1, Vander Plas 1-4, Coleman 0-1, Dunn 0-1, Murray 0-2, McKneely 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Franklin 2, Gardner 2, Dunn, Shedrick, Vander Plas). **Turnovers:** 7 (Clark 2, Dunn 2, Caffaro, Franklin, McKneely). **Steals:** 4 (Clark 2, McKneely, Shedrick). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 14,269 (14,593).

No. 2 Connecticut 74, Villanova 66

Villanova (7-6)
Dixon 6-14 5-6 18, Slater 3-10 3-3 10, Arcidiacono 0-1 2-2 2, Armstrong 0-2 0-0 0, Daniels 9-15 3-3 23, Longino 1-2 4-4 7, Whitmore 3-7 0-0 6, Moore 0-0 0-0 0, Hausen 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 22-51 17-18 66.**
Connecticut (14-0)
Karaban 5-9 2-2 15, Sanogo 3-6 1-2 7, Hawkins 6-14 6-7 22, Jackson 3-11 2-2 10, Newton 0-2 6-6 6, Diarra 1-3 4-6 6, Alleyne 1-2 0-0 2, Clingan 2-4 2-2 6, Calcaterra 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 21-53 23-27 74.**
Halftime: Connecticut 33-32. **Three-point goals:** Villanova 5-22 (Daniels 2-6, Longino 1-2, Dixon 1-5, Slater 1-7, Armstrong 0-1, Whitmore 0-1), Connecticut 9-30 (Hawkins 4-11, Karaban 3-7, Jackson 2-6, Alleyne 0-1, Calcaterra 0-1, Newton 0-1, Sanogo 0-1, Diarra 0-2). **Fouled out:** Longino. **Rebounds:** Villanova 26 (Dixon 8), Connecticut 26 (Hawkins 7). **Assists:** Villanova 7 (Slater 3), Connecticut 12 (Newton 4). **Total fouls:** Villanova 23, Connecticut 18. **A:** 15,564 (16,294).

No. 3 Houston 89, Tulsa 50

Houston (12-1)
Roberts 7-7 1-2 15, J.Walker 2-7 2-2 6, Mark 6-10 0-0 14, Sasser 5-11 2-3 12, Shead 4-6 0-0 9, Sharp 4-7 3-3 14, Chaney 3-5 0-0 6, Francis 1-1 2-2 4, Arceneaux 4-5 0-0 9, R.Walker 0-1 0-0 0, Elvin 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 36-61 10-12 89.**
Tulsa (4-7)
Selebangue 6-7 1-6 13, Embery-Simpson 2-5 0-0 5, Gaston-Chapman 1-5 2-2 4, Griffin 2-8 2-2 8, Pritchard 3-6 0-0 6, Dalger 2-10 2-2 6, Knight 0-3 0-0 0, Betson 3-9 0-0 8, Chukwu 0-0 0-1 0, McWright 0-3 0-0 0. **Totals 19-56 7-13 50.**
Halftime: Houston 43-26. **Three-point goals:** Houston 7-20 (Sharp 3-5, Mark 2-4, Arceneaux 1-2, Shead 1-3, Elvin 0-1, J.Walker 0-1, R.Walker 0-1, Sasser 0-3), Tulsa 5-24 (Betson 2-5, Griffin 2-6, Embery-Simpson 1-4, Knight 0-2, McWright 0-3, Dalger 0-4). **Rebounds:** Houston 33 (Roberts 9), Tulsa 24 (Selebangue 9). **Assists:** Houston 16 (Sasser 5), Tulsa 10 (Griffin, Pritchard 4). **Total fouls:** Houston 16, Tulsa 15.

No. 7 Tennessee 63, Mississippi 59

Tennessee (11-2)
Nkamhoua 4-8 0-0 8, Phillips 2-5 0-0 4, Plavsic 0-1 0-0 0, Key 0-2 3-5 3, Vescovi 8-14 3-7 22, Aidoo 4-8 0-0 8, Zeigler 2-9 9-10 13, Mashack 0-0 1-2 1, Awaka 1-2 2-2 4. **Totals 21-49 18-26 63.**
Mississippi (8-5)
Brakefield 5-9 4-6 18, Burns 1-4 3-4 5, McKinnis 2-2 1-2 5, Caldwell 0-2 1-2 1, Murrell 1-11 2-2 5, Akwuba 2-4 2-2 6, Abram 4-9 0-0 10, Ruffin 4-9 0-0 9, Fagan 0-1 0-0 0, Ewin 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 19-51 13-18 59.**
Halftime: Mississippi 34-28. **Three-point goals:** Tennessee 3-15 (Vescovi 3-7, Aidoo 0-1, Phillips 0-1, Key 0-2, Zeigler 0-4), Mississippi 8-25 (Brakefield 4-4, Abram 2-5, Ruffin 1-4, Murrell 1-9, Burns 0-1, Caldwell 0-1, Fagan 0-1). **Fouled out:** Nkamhoua, Murrell. **Rebounds:** Tennessee 33 (Aidoo 13), Mississippi 25 (Burns 6). **Assists:** Tennessee 13 (Zeigler, Mashack 3), Mississippi 7 (Murrell 3). **Total fouls:** Tennessee 16, Mississippi 21.

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No. 3 Ohio State 81, Northwestern 48

OHIO STATE	18	17	24	22	— 81
NORTHWESTERN	13	11	14	10	— 48

Ohio State (14-0)
McMahon 10-15 3-4 24, Mikulasikova 2-6 0-0 6, Harris 1-6 6-12 8, Mikesell 6-15 1-2 16, Thierry 8-11 2-4 18, Vres 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 3-5 1-2 7, Bristow 0-0 2-2 2, Henderson 0-1 0-0 0, Shumate 0-2 0-0 0, Costner 0-0 0-0 0, **Totals 30-62 15-26 81**
Northwestern (6-6)
Mott 1-3 0-0 2, Walsh 3-9 0-0 7, McWilliams 0-1 1-2 1, Rainey 0-3 0-0 0, Wood 3-10 0-0 6, Goodchild 0-1 0-0 0, Shaw 5-8 2-5 12, Brown 2-11 8-8 13, Hartman 1-7 0-0 2, Lau 0-3 0-0 0, Ademusayo 0-0 0-0 0, Morris 0-0 0-0 0, Weaver 2-6 0-1 5, **Totals 17-62 11-16 48**
Three-point goals: Ohio State 6-21 (McMahon 1-3, Mikulasikova 2-5, Harris 0-5, Mikesell 3-7, Shumate 0-1), Northwestern 3-18 (Walsh 1-3, Wood 0-2, Goodchild 0-1, Brown 1-6, Hartman 0-1, Lau 0-2, Weaver 1-3). **Assists:** Ohio State 19 (Harris 6), Northwestern 13 (Rainey 4). **Fouled out:** Northwestern Walsh. **Rebounds:** Ohio State 46 (Mikesell 9), Northwestern 39 (Shaw 11). **Total fouls:** Ohio State 17, Northwestern 22. Technical Fouls_None. **A:** 1,372.

No. 8 Connecticut 72, No. 21 Creighton 47

CONNECTICUT	21	14	26	11	— 72
CREIGHTON	10	6	17	14	— 47

Connecticut (10-2)
Edwards 8-12 7-9 23, Juhasz 9-15 4-6 22, Ducharme 5-14 0-0 11, Lopez-Senechal 4-12 2-2 10, Muhl 2-6 1-2 6, Patterson 0-4 0-0 0, Bettencourt 0-0 0-0 0, **Totals 28-63 14-19 72**
Creighton (8-4)
Ronsiek 3-13 6-6 12, Jensen 4-11 2-2 11, Maly 1-12 0-0 2, Mogensen 0-8 1-2 1, Saunders 1-4 0-0 3, Bachelor 4-7 0-0 8, Lockett 1-2 4-4 6, Townsend 1-5 0-0 3, Brake 0-1 1-2 1, Horan 0-0 0-0 0, **Totals 15-63 14-16 47**
Three-point goals: Connecticut 2-11 (Juhasz 0-2, Ducharme 1-4, Lopez-Senechal 0-1, Muhl 1-4), Creighton 3-28 (Ronsiek 0-3, Jensen 1-7, Maly 0-5, Mogensen 0-5, Saunders 1-3, Townsend 1-5). **Assists:** Connecticut 17 (Muhl 8), Creighton 8 (Horan 2, Jensen 2, Ronsiek 2). **Fouled out:** None. **Rebounds:** Connecticut 59 (Edwards 20), Creighton 27 (Maly 6). **Total fouls:** Connecticut 16, Creighton 16. Technical Fouls_None. **A:** 2,236.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROBATE DIVISION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131 2022 ADM 001404

Beatrice Isolina King-Shaw
Leanne Fryer Broyles, Frost & Associates LLC
839 Bestgate Road, Suite 400
Annapolis, MD 21401

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Joseph King-Shaw, whose address is 244 New Mark Esplanade, Rockville, MD 20850 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Beatrice Isolina King-Shaw who died on 01/13/2022 without a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 6-29-2023. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6-29-2023, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Joseph King-Shaw
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROBATE DIVISION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131 2022-001332

MARSHA E. SWISS
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Ronald M. Costell, whose address is 3235 Klingle Rd, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Marsha E. Swiss who died on October 5, 2022 with a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 on or before 6/15/2023. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/15/2023 or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Ronald M. Costell
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROBATE DIVISION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131 2022 ADM 1339

MELODY BROWN
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Antione Brown, whose address is 5021 Seminary Road, 624, Alexandria VA 22311 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Melody Brown, who died on 08/07/2022 without a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 6/22/2023. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/22/2023, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do

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Antione Brown
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

To: The Unknown Father

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-22-000259. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on July 30, 2021 in Germantown (Montgomery County), Maryland to Tashell Lynette Battle (DOB: July 12, 1983) and an unknown father (DOB: unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Order may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by January 30, 2023, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

Craig Parker, et. al.
Subsitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

vs.

Equity Holdings International, LLC
Defendant(s).

Case No. CAEF22-22252

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **15th day of December, 2022,** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **1844 Dutch Village Drive Hyattsville a/r/t/a Landover, MD 20875,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **16th day of January, 2023,** provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in Prince George's County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **16th day of January, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$97,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #597
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

Parker, Simon & Kokolis, LLC
110 North Washington St.
Suite 500
Rockville, MD 20850

December 29, 2022
January 5, 12, 2023 12407960

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

STEPHEN B. JACKSON and STEVEN P. HENNE
Substitute Trustees

Versus

CHARLES B. HOWELL and RANDI L. HOWELL
Defendants

NO. C-02-CV-22-001201

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, December 15, 2022** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Stephen B. Jackson et al., Substitute Trustee** BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12th** day of **January 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12th** day of **January 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **7307 FOREST AVENUE, HANOVER, MARYLAND 21076** to be **$265,000.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
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Anne Arundel County, Maryland

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NOTICE OF COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 12-303 and 304, Criminal Procedure Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, a Complaint and Petition for Forfeiture has been filed in Case No. D-06-CV-22-021397, City of Gaithersburg vs. U.S. Currency in the amount of $2,669.00 and Jairo Antonio Rosales Portillo on the 6th day of December, 2022, in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County. The $2,669 00 was seized on or about March 2, 2022 near 105 Oakton Road in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The object of the Complaint and Petition is to obtain an Order from the Court forfeiting all of the right, title, and interest of the said currency, both legal and equitable, in and to the said currency. The said currency is subject to forfeiture in that it was involved in and part of violations of Title 5 of the Maryland Criminal Law Article, the Controlled Dangerous Substances Art, Title 5, of the Md. Criminal Law Article, consisting of Md. Criminal Code Ann., §§ 5-602 through 5-609, §§ 5-612 through 5-614, §5-617, §5-618 or §5-628, such that the currency was acquired during such violations or within a reasonable time after and there is no other likely source for the property, and was otherwise used or intended for use in connection with illegal manufacture, distribution, dispensing, or possession of controlled dangerous substance, in violation of Criminal Procedure Article, § 12-101 et seq., of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The above property will be forfeited if an Answer is not timely filed. An Answer may be filed with the Clerk of the District Court within 30 days of being served, pursuant to Maryland Rule 3-307, or within 60 days of December 29, 2022, the last publication date of this notice. Additional information may be obtained from Frank M. Johnson, Deputy City Attorney, City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, 31 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877, phone number 301-258-6310.

If the currency is not needed for evidentiary purposes in a judicial proceeding, the owner of the currency may obtain possession of the currency pending forfeiture by posting a bond in the manner provided in § 12-208(b) of the Criminal Procedure of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND CHARTER

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Constitution of Maryland, Article XI-E; the Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 4-301, et seq.; and the Charter of the Town of Somerset (the "Charter"), the Town Council of the Town of Somerset on December 5, 2022, duly adopted the following Charter amendments:

Charter Amendment Res. No. 3-22 to amend Section 83-21 of the Charter to add a definition of "resided".

Charter Amendment Res. No. 4-22 to amend Section 83-26 of the Charter to provide that if a resident if registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, they shall be deemed registered for elections in the Town so long as the resident remains qualified to vote; to provide that voters may be removed from the list if not qualified to vote; and to provide that the removal of voters from the registration list shall comply with the applicable procedures set forth in State law.

Charter Amendment Res. No. 5-22 to amend Section 83-28 of the Charter to advance the nomination meeting from 4 weeks to 8 weeks prior to the election, and the nomination petition deadline from 21 days before the election to 10 days after the nomination meeting, to allow more time to prepare ballots and administer the election.

Charter Amendment Res. No. 6-22 to amend Section 83-35 of the Charter to allow uncontested elections to be canceled.

Charter Amendment Res. No. 7-22 to amend Section 83-30 of the Charter to allow elections by mail and other means, and to remove the requirement for incapacitation or absence for absentee voting.

These amendments shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the Town of Somerset on January 24, 2023, unless on or before January 16, 2023, there shall be presented to the Town Council, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) or more of the persons who are qualified to vote in municipal elections of the Town of Somerset, requesting any or all of the proposed amendments be submitted on referendum to the voters of the Town of Somerset. A complete copy of the Resolutions and Charter can be obtained from Matt Trollinger, Town Manager, at 4510 Cumberland Ave, Somerset, MD 20815.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and City Council and the Planning Commission of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct a joint public hearing on Zoning Map Amendment Application Z-9444-2022 on

TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 7:30 P.M.

or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The applicant requests approval of Zoning Map Amendment Application Z-9444-2022 that proposes to rezone the Lakeforest Mall from the current C-2 (general commercial) to the MXD Zone (mixed-use). The application includes a sketch plan requesting up to approximately 1.2 million square feet of non-residential uses and up to 1,600 dwelling units on 102 acres of land in accordance with § 24-160D.9(a) "Application for the MXD Zone and sketch plan approval" of the City Code. The subject properties are located at 701 Russell Ave Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Kenneth R. Keesee and Evelyn V. Keesee dated August 24, 2007 and recorded in Liber 29815, folio 622 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 10:59 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0988642.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000772-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

14900 NASHUA LN. BOWIE, MD 20716

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from John Henry Mullikin dated December 29, 2017 and recorded in Liber 40425, folio 30 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 11:01 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-0744607.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001619-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1341 KAREN BLVD., UNIT #206 CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ruel Harrison dated August 26, 2010 and recorded in Liber 32054, folio 478 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 10:57 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit 206, Building 1, in Addison at St. Paul's Condominium II and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-5500798.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000156-MD-F-1.

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906 WHISTLING DUCK DR. UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Comfort Olukanni Orimogunje dated February 21, 2006 and recorded in Liber 24727, folio 283 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 11:03 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-3314531.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $49,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 21-000959-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5706 BEECHER ST. HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Donald E. Byrd, Sr., and Frances I. Byrd dated August 24, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26038, folio 20 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 10:55 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #02-0115345.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001778-MD-F-1.

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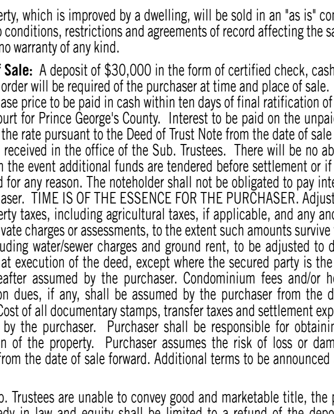
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

2600 KINGSWAY RD. FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Roger L. Walker dated January 25, 2008 and recorded in Liber 29361, folio 138 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 11:07 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1226406.

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

3610 HALLOWAY NORTH UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 3, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 28768 at Page 296 among the Land Records of **Prince George's County**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Prince George's County Courthouse located at 14735 Main Street, (Front of the Duval Wing Entrance), Upper Marlboro, MD, on

January 17, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 03-0197152

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 55,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 7.25% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

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**2508 LARRY AVE.
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Carolyn Taylor dated July 13, 2015 and recorded in Liber 37258, folio 512 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 11:05 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1361740.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

**4807 Stilton Court #46
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June30, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 23336 at Page 362 among the Land Records of **Prince George's County,** Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Prince George's County Courthouse located at 14735 Main Street (Front of the Duval Wing Entrance), Upper Marlboro, MD, on

January 10, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 03-3332665

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $7,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**3808 ENDICOTT PL.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Audrey L. Malone and Reginald A. Malone dated July 26, 2004 and recorded in Liber 20704, folio 678 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 11:03 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #20-2186138.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001739-MD-F-1.

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**559 GARRETT A MORGAN BLVD.
LANDOVER, MD 20785**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Lori M. Hughes dated June 15, 2009 and recorded in Liber 30736, folio 345 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 11:01 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-3739968.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002360-Md-F-1.

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**7903 FISKE AVE.
GLENARDEN, MD 20706**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Constance D. Harris dated July 23, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28416, folio 298 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 10:59 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #20-2210292.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 21-001019-MD-F-1.

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**7002 TAYLOR MANOR AVE.
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from William John Cole dated July 14, 2017 and recorded in Liber 40235, folio 256 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 10:57 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0865881.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000680-MD-F-1.

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**1809 LABROTT LN.
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Kenan W. Ellerbe dated August 25, 2017 and recorded in Liber 31312, folio 425 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 9:33 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #02-347-90077421.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $38,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 21-001104-MD-F-1.

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**4701 GIRTON AVE.
SHADY SIDE, MD 20764**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Brian Colella dated May 10, 2004 and recorded in Liber 14824, folio 632 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 9:31 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-465-00304502.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $51,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000744-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**1822 WOODRAIL DR.
MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from James W. Cerulli, III and Linda Massey dated April 19, 2006 and recorded in Liber 17748, folio 731 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 9:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #04-802-01911750.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $45,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002264-MD-F-1.

The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**1146 WHITE SANDS DR.
LUSBY, MD 20657**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Barbara J. Smith dated August 6, 2018 and recorded in Liber 5235, folio 315 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 3:55 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-060317.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001508-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

**8433 NORWOOD DR #8433
Millersville, MD 21108**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ALAN J. HYATT, Trustee(s), dated May 14, 2015, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 28412, folio 357, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

JANUARY 10, 2023 at 9:45 am

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THAT CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 8433 SECTION TWO, PHASE 10, IN SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM AS SAID UNIT AND SAID CONDOMINIUM REGIME ARE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION FOR SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM AND BY-LAWS FOR SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM DATED JANUARY 26, 1984 AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY , MARYLAND IN LIBER EAC NO. 3699, FOLIO 9, ET SEQ., AND 61, ET SEQ., RESPECTIVELY AND AS IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION FOR SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM DATED MARCH 1, 1984 AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY IN LIBER EAC NO. 3703, FOLIO 499; AND AS SHOWN ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT ENTITLED "MASTER PLAN, SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM", DATED JANUARY 26, 1984 AND RECORDED AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK EAC NO. 24, FOLIOS 29 TO 32 AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT FOR SECTION TWO, PHASES 1, 2, 3, 8 & 10 OF SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM, DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1984 AND RECORDED AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK EAC NO. 24, FOLIOS 47-50 AND EAC NO. 25, FOLIOS 1-5 AND NOW SHOWN ON THE PLAT ENTITLED "SUSSEX SQUARE CONDOMINIUM", DATED MARCH 26, 1984 AND RECORDED AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK 25, FOLIO 16. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 8433 NORWOOD DRIVE, MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $13,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (21-09793)

John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

3057 HUNTINGTON CIRCLE
Waldorf, MD 20602

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 24, 2019 and recorded in Deed Book 10700 at Page 44 among the Land Records of **Charles County**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Charles County Courthouse located at 200 Charles Street (In the Breezeway between Circuit & District Court), La Plata, MD, on

January 17, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Charles County, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 06-118178

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 23,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana C. Theologou, David Poch, Douglas R. Blecki,
Substitute Trustees
File No.: 22-001126

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

953 CHANDLER COURT
Waldorf, MD 20602

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2019 and recorded in Deed Book 10693 at Page 232 among the Land Records of **Charles County**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Charles County Courthouse located at 200 Charles Street (In the Breezeway between Circuit & District Court), La Plata, MD, on

January 17, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Charles County, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 06-099149

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 25,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana C. Theologou, David Poch, Douglas R. Blecki,
Substitute Trustees
File No.: 22-001118

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

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Waldorf, MD 20602

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to UNITED GENERAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee(s), dated May 11, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 6332, folio 739, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JANUARY 9, 2023 at 11:00 am

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 23 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 76 IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "ST. CHARLES COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOOD OF BANNISTER", AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK PCM 20 AT PLAT 173. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY OR A PORTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LYNETTE MARIE TODD BY DEED DATED JUNE 15, 2006 FROM STEVEN ALBERT TODD AND LYNETTE MARIE TODD, HIS WIFE FILED ON JUNE 28, 2006 IN BOOK 05896 AT PAGE 0512 IN THE CHARLES COUNTY RECORDS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1025 BANNISTER CIRCLE, WALDORF, MD 20602 PARCEL NUMBER: 06-064698

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $21,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.125% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (19-18337)

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FOR
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Estate of Carl B. Fox
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-21-001471

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this, **Thursday, December 22, 2022,** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Christine M. Drexel et al., Substitute Trustee**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23rd day of January 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23rd day of January 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **708 GLENWOOD STREET, ANNAPOLIS MD 21401** to be **$170,000.00.**

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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 27, 2021, and recorded in Liber 14529, folio 151, of the land records of **FREDERICK COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $170,848.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

JANUARY 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 12-288522

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $16,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.125% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-010911)

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875 Fauquier County

Trustee's Sale

6738 Schoolhouse Road,
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(Parcel ID: 6889-83-3625-000)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 24, 2017, in the original principal amount of $257,254.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Fauquier,** Virginia in Deed Book 1541, page 1745, and modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded May 2, 2022, in Deed Book 1725, page 1836, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **February 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.,** in front of the building housing the Fauquier County Circuit Court, 40 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, VA 20186, the property near Bealeton in Lee Magisterial District designated as

Lot 55, Section 2-B, Fox Meade Subdivision, dated April 6, 1984, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 465 at page 453, plat recorded in Deed Book 465 at page 457. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $26,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com [glasserlaw.com], outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector.

Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or REO Solutions, LLC, and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 229047-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

5223 Shookstown Road
Frederick, MD 21702

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to WILLAIM H. POFFENBARGER SR. , Trustee(s), dated January 28, 2016, and recorded among the Land Records of **FREDERICK COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 10983, folio 0487, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

JANUARY 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF FREDERICK, STATE OF MARYLAND, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM SHOOKSTOWN TO HARMONY, IN BRADDOCK ELECTION DISTRICT, FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE AFORESAID ROAD, AND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY ANNIE WHIPP, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTHWARDLY WITH THE WHIPP PROPERTY 178 FEET, THENCE WESTWARDLY AND PARALELL WITH THE COUNTY ROAD AFORESAID 50 FEET, THENCE NORTHWARDLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE 1ST LINE HEREOF, 178 FEET TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SAID COUNTY ROAD, THENCE EASTWARDLY BY AND WITH SAID ROAD 50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.25% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (60952)

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

507 Queenship Lane, Berryville, VA 22611

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated September 17, 2021 and recorded at Book 688 Page 786 in the Clerk's Office for the **Clarke County** Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $554,766.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Circuit Court for Clarke County located at 102 N Church Street, Berryville, VA 22611-0189.

February 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot containing 44.4445 acres, more or less, known as Lot 7, QUEENSHIP SUBDIVISION as the same appears dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 483 at Page 657, among the Clarke County, Virginia land records. The conveyance herein includes the certain non-exclusive ingress/egress easement 40 feet in width which is non-exclusive and appurtenant to the land herein conveyed and is further shown on the aforesaid plat of Queenship Subdivision wherein the road is known as Queenship Lane.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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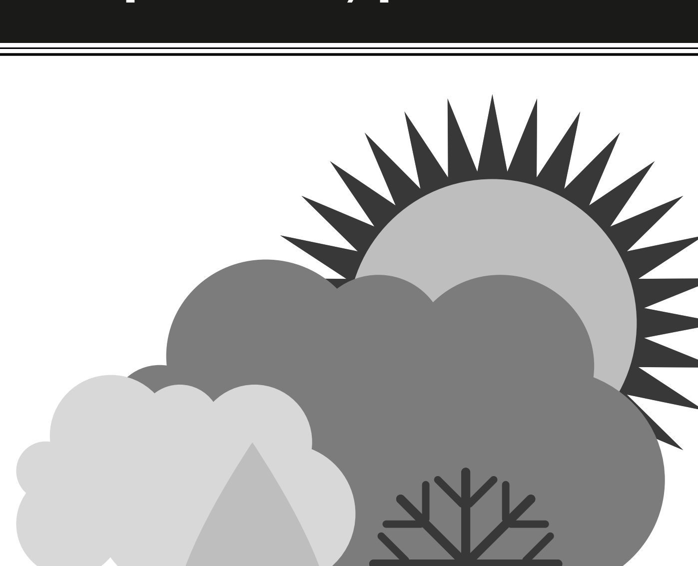

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